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Attached sets forth information received from highly sensitive New York source concerning contact between Stanley Levison and Harry Wachtel. Levison was advisor to Martin Luther King, Jr., and as late as 1964 identified as secret CP member. Harry Wachtel is New York attorney and advisor to Southern Christian Leadership Conference, organization founded by King. S

Discussion between Levison and Wachtel relates to special coverage by the FBI including coverage of King. Wachtel mentioned he had talked to Clark (apparently former Attorney General Ramsey Clark) concerning this special coverage. Teletype indicates Levison to meet with James Wechsler, New York newspaper columnist. S

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ONE JUNE TWENTY FIRST, NINETEEN SIXTY NINE,

HARRY WACHTEL, NEW YORK ATTORNEY AND SOUTHERN CHRISTIAN
LEADERSHIP CONFERENCE ADVISOR, TOLD STANLEY LEVISON
THAT THE GUESTS AT A PARTY ON JUNE TWENTY, LAST WERE
TRYING TO GUESS THE IDENTITY OF THE COMMUNIST-MARXIST-
LENINIST LAWYER WHO HAD BEEN TAPPED. WACHTEL SAID HE
COULD ONLY ANSWER THAT IT WAS NOT HE. THE GUESTS
DECIDED THAT IT WAS (WILLIAM) KUNSTLER, NEW YORK ATTORNEY.
WACHTEL TOLD THEM THAT HE DIDN'T KNOW, BUT THAT
IT WASN'T CLARENCE JONES.
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LEVISON TOLD WACHTEL TO TELL HIS (WACHTEL'S) CLIENTS WHO THE LAWYER REALLY WAS. LEVISON HAD ALREADY TOLD MOE FONER, OFFICER OF LOCAL ONE ONE NINE NINE ~~X~~ DRUG AND HOSPITAL WORKERS, NYC.

WACHTEL SAID THAT RAMSEY CLARK IS HITTING HARD AND THAT KATZENBACH IS SITTING THERE SAYING NOTHING. HE SAID THAT THEY HAVE PRETTY WELL ACKNOWLEDGED THEY ARE ALL INVOLVED, NOW THAT ROBERT KENNEDY PUSHED IT. WACHTEL SAID THE WHOLE THRUST IS NOW THAT KENNEDY DID NOT PUSH IT. ~~X~~

LEVISON SAID HE SAW (JAMES) ^(WECHSLER) WEXLER, NEWSPAPER COLUMNIST, AND ASKED HIM WHAT KIND OF THING THIS IS. HE SAID HE TOLD ^{WECHSLER} WEXLER THAT CIVIL LIBERTIES ISSUES WERE ALL RIGHT FOR HIM TO HAMMER ON, BUT WHAT WAS THIS. LEVISON TOLD WACHTEL THAT ^{WECHSLER} WEXLER WROTE THE ARTICLE WHEN HE WAS DRUNK. LEVISON SAID THAT HE HAD TOLD MOE TO TELL ^{WECHSLER} WEXLER TO LAY OFF THE SUBJECT. ~~X~~

WACHTEL SAID HE INTENDED TO CALL ON THE BASIS OF THE MIAMI HEROLD THING AND POINT OUT THAT IT WAS DONE FROM NINETEEN SIXTY ONE ON. ~~X~~

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WACHTEL SAID HE WAS NOT KEEN ON ACQUIRING TRANSCRIPTS OF TAPED CONVERSATIONS. LEVISON THOUGHT IT ^{NAIVE} TO THINK THEY TAPPED THE OFFICE AND NOT THE HOME. HE SAID THAT THEY WOULD TAP THE OTHER END TO GET MORE MILEAGE. LEVISON SAID THEY WOULD TAP HIM (LEVISON) AND NOT HIM. WACHTEL SAID "I HAVE CERTAIN WAYS OF GETTING SOME VERIFICATION AND I HAVE INTENTIONS OF GETTING IT IF I CAN" 11 ~~X~~

WACHTEL SAID THE TIMES HAD AN EDITORIAL ON BUGGING IN CHICAGO. HE SAID THAT WHAT THE FBI IS DOING STANDS ~~X~~ ON ITS OWN AS WRONG.

LEVISON SAID THAT IN GENERAL WHAT IS NEEDED IS TO GET HOOVER TO BRING THE TAPES OUT, BUT THAT CORETTA ~~X~~ (KING) DOES NOT WANT TO GO FURTHER.

LEVISON SAID HE KNOWS THIS GUY ARRINGTON (PHONETIC) THAT HE IS SOME SORT OF A PROCURER. WACHTEL THEN SAID THAT HE WOULD NOT TELL LEVISON ANYTHING, BECAUSE THE ~~X~~ LATTER' S LINES MAY STILL BE TAPPED.

LEVISON SAID THAT ^{WACHTEL} ~~WEXLER~~ IS A SCHNUK FOR MAKING IT ALL PUBLIC. HE AGREED THAT CLARK IS A GOOD GUY ~~X~~ FOR WHAT HE IS SAYING.

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WACHTEL SAID HE TALKED TO CLARK A LONG TIME ABOUT WHAT WAS IN THE TAPES, AND THAT HIS FUNDAMENTAL NOTION WAS THAT IT WAS NOT REALLY VERY CONCRETE. WACHTEL SAID IT DEPENDS ON WHO IS SITTING UP THERE. HE SAID THAT IN CLARK'S TIME, IT MIGHT HAVE BEEN POSSIBLE TO HAVE A VIEWING (OF THE TRANSCRIPTS) UP TO THE POINT OF MAKING THE DECISION OF WHETHER OR NOT TO SHOW THEM (PUBLICALLY).

ON JUNE TWENTY ONE, SIXTY NINE, MOE FONER TOLD STANLEY LEVISON ABOUT THE MIAMI HERALD ARTICLE WHICH STATED THAT THEY HAVE PICTURES OF KING IN BED, ETC. LEVISON SAID THAT THERE ISN'T ANYONE IN PUBLIC LIFE WHO ISN'T TAPPED.

LEVISON SAID THAT KING WAS GOING TO SUPPORT ROBERT KENNEDY FOR THE PRESIDENCY. HE SAID THAT THIS FACT WOULD APPEAR IN THE BOOK.

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LEVISON TOLD FONER THAT HE AGREED WITH JIMMY'S
WECHSLER
(WEXLER) FUNDAMENTAL PREMISES THAT MAYBE IT IS TIME TO
GO INTO THIS. FONER SAID THAT THE PROBLEM WITH JIMMY
IS THAT HE IS ONE OF THE FEW GUYS WHO HAS BEEN WILLING
TO TAKE ON HOOVER IN THE OPEN. LEVISON SAID HE THINKS
THAT HE (LEVISON) AND JIMMY SHOULD HAVE LUNCH TOGETHER
AS HE (LEVISON) HAS SOME CRITICISM ABOUT THE MATTER. */*

NYO HAS NO INFORMATION AS TO WACHTEL'S MEANS
OF VERIFICATION AS SET OUT ABOVE.

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CC- MR. SULLIVAN

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Memorandum

TO : Mr. Bishop

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You will recall that captioned individual has bitterly attacked the Bureau relative to wire taps on Martin Luther King, Jr. In recent articles, Rowan has attempted to express indignation that King was in any way a national security risk and has painted King more or less as an heroic figure.

In this connection it is interesting to note that Rowan in an article entitled "Martin Luther King's Tragic Decision" (Reader's Digest, September, 1967,) presents a different viewpoint relative to King. In this article Rowan is critical of King for King's decision to oppose American participation in the Vietnam War. Rowan summarizes the accomplishments of King in the civil rights field and is commendatory. Rowan said that he first met King in late 1955 and was cognizant of King's leadership in efforts to gain equal justice for Negroes. Why then did King link his civil rights feats with an attack on the Vietnam War?

Rowan, in a section of the article entitled "The Halo Slips," says:
"But, inexplicably, something began to happen after a while. King seemed to develop an exaggerated appraisal of how much he and his crisis techniques were responsible for the race-relations progress that had been made." Rowan states that Negroes had begun to grow uneasy about King. He no longer seemed to be a selfless leader. He dramatically had himself arrested and then was out of jail in two days. King rejected the advice of his civil rights friends. Some said it was a matter of ego, that he was convinced that he was the most influential Negro in the United States. Rowan now adds:

"Others revived a more sinister speculation that had been whispered around Capitol Hill and in the nation's newsrooms for more than two years—talk of communists influencing the actions and words of the young minister. This talk disturbed other civil-rights leaders more than anything else.

"I report this not to endorse what King and many others will consider a 'guilt by association' smear, but because of the threat that these allegations represent to the civil-rights movement. When King was simply challenging

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Jim Crow, murmurings that he was associating with, or influenced by, 'enemies of the United States' had only limited impact. Most Congressmen and editors knew that American Negroes did not need a communist to tell them that they disliked being herded into the rear of buses, the balconies of theaters, the back doors of restaurants or a ramshackle school across the briar patch. But now that King has become deeply involved in a conflict where the United States is in direct combat with communists, the murmurings are likely to produce powerfully hostile reactions. They cannot help but imperil chances of passage of the civil-rights bill that would protect civil-rights workers in the South and make housing discrimination illegal."

Rowan concludes that it is a tragic irony that King, in his denunciation of the Vietnam War, would raise any doubt about the Negroes' loyalty to his country. Copy of article is attached.

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An article of day of enduring significance, in condensed permanent booklet form

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# Martin Luther King's Tragic Decision

BY CARL T. ROWAN

What has caused him to jeopardize, by his ill-advised pronouncements on Vietnam, the movement he has so ably served? Another distinguished Negro looks at the man and his motives.

ON A calm, clear evening last April 4, the Rev. Martin Luther King stood in New York City's Riverside Church and delivered the most scathing denunciation of U.S. involvement in Vietnam ever made by so prominent an American. He labeled the United States "the greatest purveyor of violence in the world today" and accused it of "cruel manipulation of the poor." He said that the people of Vietnam "watch as we poison their water, as we kill a million acres of their crops."

He stated that U.S. troops "may

have killed a million South Vietnamese civilians—mostly children." He said that American soldiers "test out our latest weapons" on the peasants of South Vietnam "just as the Germans tested out new medicine and new tortures in the concentration camps of Europe." He accused President Johnson of lying about peace overtures from Hanoi, and urged Americans to become "conscientious objectors."

Reaction across the nation and around the world was immediate and explosive. Radios Moscow and Peking picked up King's words and

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spread them to distant capitals. In the White House, a Presidential aide shouted, "My God, King has given a speech on Vietnam that goes right down the commie line!" President Johnson, reading the wire-service reports, flushed with anger.

Civil-rights leaders wrung their hands and began to plan steps to take the already splintered movement for Negro equality out from under the onus of King's broadside. Such prominent Negroes as Roy Wilkins, executive director of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People, Ralph Bunche, Nobel Prize-winning United Nations under-secretary, and Sen. Edward Brooke disagreed publicly with King. The directors of Freedom House called the program that King advocated "demagogic and irresponsible in its attack on our government." The *Washington Post*, long a supporter of King, said, "Dr. King has done a grave injury to the great struggle to remove ancient abuses from our public life. He has diminished his usefulness to his cause, to his country and to his people."

What sort of person is this man who has been awarded a Nobel

CARL T. ROWAN, director of the U.S. Information Agency from February 1964 to September 1965, now writes a syndicated column for more than 100 newspapers in the United States and abroad. He is also a radio and TV commentator for the Westinghouse Broadcasting Co. As director of USIA, he was the first Negro to attend meetings of the National Security Council and of the President's cabinet.

Peace Prize and denounced as a knave, all within three years? What do Martin Luther King and his recent actions mean to the nation and to the searing disputes that now rend the civil rights movement?

**Sized by Fighters.** To understand King's unique position in American life, we must go back to January 15, 1929, when Michael Luther King, Jr., was born in a comfortable 13-room house in Atlanta, Ga. His father and his maternal grandfather, the Rev. A. D. Williams, had become, via Ebenezer Baptist Church, two of the great preachers of the South.

By the time "Little Mike" was six (when his father changed both their names to that of the leader of the Protestant Reformation), he was well aware of the racial struggle around him. Grandfather Williams had been an early leader of Georgia's chapter of the NAACP. His father fought for equal salaries for Negro teachers and to abolish the Jim Crow elevators in the Atlanta courthouse. And young Martin soon knew at firsthand the hurt and humiliation of discrimination. He has recalled as one of his angriest hours a bus ride from Macon to Atlanta, when a bus driver called him and his teacher "black sons of bitches" because they were slow in surrendering their seats to white passengers.

A bright, sensitive student, King entered Atlanta's Morehouse College at 15, toying with the notion of becoming a lawyer or doctor. There

he read Thoreau's "Essay on Civil Disobedience," and became convinced that he had to involve himself in social protest, and that only through the ministry could he function effectively. From Morehouse, King went to Crozer Theological Seminary, in Chester, Pa., where a lecture on Mohandas Gandhi led him to devour every book and article written about India's great leader of non-violent protest.

The thinking of Gandhi and Thoreau was still burning inside King when I first met him, late in 1955. He was then involved in his first major test of non-violence and civil disobedience in the Deep South. On December 1 of that year, a Negro seamstress, Mrs. Rosa Parks, had boarded

a bus in Montgomery, Ala., where King had recently become pastor of the Dexter Avenue Baptist Church. When the driver ordered Negroes to stand so that whites could sit, Mrs. Parks refused and was arrested. Within hours, Negroes had launched a 99-percent effective boycott that threatened to ruin the bus line.

As a reporter for the Minneapolis Tribune, I went to Montgomery and was permitted to sit in on the strategy sessions of the Negro leaders.

King's gift of articulateness, his apparent lack of personal ambition, his willingness to stand up to tough-talking city officials made him the natural leader of the movement. The city arrested 115 Negro religious and political leaders; a bomb exploded on King's front porch. But the boycott held firm for 382 tense days, and led to the U.S. Supreme Court decision outlawing bus segregation. The Negroes of Montgomery

had won a great victory, and Martin Luther King was world-famous.

"Breastplate of Righteousness."

How did King rise to the pinnacle? He had charisma—a down-to-earth sincerity, an ability to wear the mantle of the church in such a way as to suggest a special closeness to God. He won

*The Rev. Martin Luther King, Jr.*

the grudging admiration of white Americans and the support of millions of foreigners through his dignity, his willingness to take verbal abuse, to go to jail quietly—and to turn the other cheek in the process—in order to achieve his goals. He seemed impervious to provocation. He earned the reputation of a selfless leader whose devotion and wisdom were larger than life.

When a group of badgered, beaten Negroes in Gadsden, Ala., were

on the verge of violence, King asked them to put down their arms. "Get the weapon of non-violence, the breastplate of righteousness, the armor of truth, and just keep marching," he pleaded. They did. And when the young minister said to whites, "We will match your capacity to inflict suffering with our capacity to endure suffering. We will not hate you, but we cannot in all good conscience obey your unjust laws," he disarmed many who held latent hostility toward the Negro.

"There is no arrogance about him, no intellectual posturing," reported the *New York Times* in 1961. "He voices no bitterness against the whites who have handled him roughly." If he became involved in crisis after crisis—the restaurant sit-in in Atlanta in 1960; demonstrations in Albany, Ga., in 1961; the explosive Birmingham protests of 1963; the Selma, Ala., march of 1964—it was because, as one of his aides said, "You've got to have a crisis to bargain with. To take a moderate approach, hoping to get white help, doesn't work."

The Halo Slips. But, inexplicably, something began to happen after a while. King seemed to develop an exaggerated appraisal of how much he and his crisis techniques were responsible for the race-relations progress that had been made.

He could, indeed, make a pretty convincing argument that it was the crisis he and his followers precipitated in Birmingham in 1963 that capped the Negro's revolution and

won the support necessary for the passage of the civil-rights laws of 1964 and 1965. But other Negro leaders, while not belittling demonstrations, argued that the Negro could never forgo a reliance on the law. They pointed out that Negroes might still be walking instead of riding buses in Montgomery had the lawyers not won their case in the Supreme Court. They said that the Negro had to continue to seek strong legislation and just court decisions. They argued that the cause required a shrewd, sometimes sophisticated wooing of public opinion.

Negroes had, in fact, begun to grow uneasy about King. He no longer seemed to be the selfless leader of the 1950's. There was grumbling that his trips to jail looked like publicity stunts. When arrested in Albany, Ga., in 1961, he had declared dramatically that he would stay behind bars until the city desegregated public facilities. Two days later, he was out on bail. In St. Augustine, Fla., after getting Negroes fired up for massive demonstrations, he went to jail amid great fanfare. But two days later he was bailed out again, so he could receive an honorary degree at Yale University.

Sinister Murmurings. King really gave both critics and admirers serious cause for concern in 1965, when he began to talk about foreign policy. In July of that year, he told a Los Angeles group that the issues of racial injustice, poverty and war are "inextricably bound together."

When advisers expressed doubts about the wisdom of linking the three, he retorted: "One cannot be just concerned with civil rights. It is very nice to drink milk at an unsegregated lunch counter—but not when there is strontium 90 in it."

A month later, he announced that he intended to write President Ho Chi Minh of North Vietnam, and the leaders of South Vietnam, Russia and the United States in an effort to move the war to the conference table.

Then, in September 1965, he called on Arthur Goldberg, chief U.S. delegate to the United Nations, and urged the United States to press for a U.N. seat for Communist China. Also, he asked for a halt in American air strikes on North Vietnam, and he recommended negotiations with the Vietcong. At this point, even some of his strongest supporters began to demur.

The New York *Herald Tribune* said: "Dr. King is already committed to a massive, unfinished task in an area in which he has great influence. He can only dissipate that influence by venturing into fields that are strange to him." In a harsher comment, liberal columnist Max Freedman asked, "Is he casting about for a role in Vietnam because the civil-rights struggle is no longer adequate to his own estimate of his talents?" NAACP leader Roy Wilkins, Whitney Young, executive director of the Urban League, Socialist leader Norman Thomas, and Bayard Rustin, a chief planner of the great

civil-rights march on Washington in 1963 and himself a pacifist, all pleaded in vain with King not to wade into the Vietnam controversy.

Why did King reject the advice of his old civil-rights colleagues? Some say it was a matter of ego—that he was convinced that since he was the most influential Negro in the United States, President Johnson would *have* to listen to *him* and alter U.S. policy in Vietnam. Others revived a more sinister speculation that had been whispered around Capitol Hill and in the nation's newsrooms for more than two years—talk of communists influencing the actions and words of the young minister. This talk disturbed other civil-rights leaders more than anything else.

I repeat this not to endorse what King and many others will consider a "guilt by association" smear, but because of the threat that these allegations represent to the civil-rights movement. When King was simply challenging Jim Crow, murmurings that he was associating with, or influenced by, "enemies of the United States" had only limited impact. Most Congressmen and editors knew that American Negroes did not need a communist to tell them that they disliked being herded into the rear of buses, the balconies of theaters, the back doors of restaurants or a ramshackle school across the briar patch. But now that King has become deeply involved in a conflict where the United States is in direct combat with communists,

the murmurings are likely to produce powerfully hostile reactions. They cannot help but imperil chances of passage of the civil-rights bill that would protect civil-rights workers in the South and make housing discrimination illegal.

New Spirit. King answered his critics. He had become convinced, he said in his April 4 speech at New York's Riverside Church, that America would never invest the necessary funds or energies in rehabilitation of its poor "so long as adventures like Vietnam continue to draw men and skills and money like some demonic destructive suction tube." He told the Riverside audience that "We are taking black young men who have been crippled by our society and sending them 8000 miles away to guarantee liberties in Southeast Asia which they have not found in southwest Georgia and East Harlem."

The latter is an old cry that some Negroes have uttered in every American war. But in no conflict has a Negro with King's prestige urged Negroes to shun battle because they have nothing to fight for. King must have assumed that the "new Negro," full of frustration as he is, would be sympathetic to this argument. But a recent Harris survey showed that almost one of every two Negroes believes that King is wrong—and another 27 percent reserved judgment.

I find this opposition to King remarkable considering the amount of emotion and anger involved in the

Negro revolution. It suggests that most Negroes are proud of the integrated performance of colored GIs in Vietnam; that most Negroes still think of America as *their* country and do not want to seem unpatriotic.

Beyond doubt, King's speech at Riverside Church and his subsequent remarks have put a new strain and new burdens on the civil-rights movement. He has become *persona non grata* to Lyndon Johnson, a fact that he may consider of no consequence. It is also likely that his former friends in Congress will never again listen to or be moved by him the way they were in the past. This, too, may not bother King. But it can make the difference between poverty and well-being for millions of Negroes who cannot break the vicious circle of poverty and unpreparedness that imprisons them unless the President provides leadership and Congress provides the circle-breaking programs and laws.

Martin Luther King has alienated many of the Negro's friends and armed the Negro's foes, in both parties, by creating the impression that the Negro is disloyal. By urging Negroes not to respond to the draft or to fight in Vietnam, he has taken a tack that many Americans of all races consider utterly irresponsible.

It is a tragic irony that there should be any doubt about the Negro's loyalty to his country—especially doubt created by Martin Luther King, who has helped as much as any one man to make America truly the Negro's country, too. J-1-1

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# Memorandum

TO : Mr. Bishop

FROM : M. Jones

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Per the Director's instructions yesterday, one copy of the news story captioned "King Wiretap Called RFK's Idea" which appeared in the June 19, 1969, issue of "The Evening Star" was forwarded by routing slip to all SAC's and Legats on 6/19/69. A copy is also being furnished by routing slip to all Bureau officials today.

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# King Wiretap Called RFK's Idea Hoover Asserts Memo to FBI Cited Concern Over Marxism

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By JEREMIAH O'LEARY  
Star Staff Writer

Wiretapping of Dr. Martin Luther King Jr.'s telephone was proposed to the FBI by then Attorney General Robert F. Kennedy in June, 1963, and authorized by him in writing later that year, FBI Director J. Edgar Hoover told The Star today.

Hoover revealed the contents of two memorandums in one of which Kennedy expressed concern about possible infiltration of the race issue by Marxists and spoke of allegations that the Negro leader was closely associated with Marxist ideas and followers.

That memorandum to Hoover, dated June, 1963, was written by Courtney Evans, then assistant director of the FBI and liaison man with the Justice Department. It reported the substance of a conversation Evans had just had with Kennedy in which the Attorney General asked about the feasibility of installing electronic devices on King's telephones. King headed the Southern Christian Leadership Conference.

## Concerned About Allegations

Kennedy, according to the Evans memo, was concerned about reports that King was a student of Marxism, that he was associating with a New York attorney with known Communist connections, but that he did not openly espouse Marxism because of his religious beliefs. The Evans memorandum indicated Kennedy wanted to know if it was technically feasible to use electronic devices to prove or disprove these allegations.

The Evans memo said Evans replied to Kennedy that King was a man who traveled almost constantly and that it was extremely difficult to use wiretaps effectively in such cases.

Hoover told The Star that FBI officials also informed Kennedy at that time that they doubted the advisability of undertaking electronic surveillance of Dr. King because of possible political repercussions.

However, the second memorandum cited by Hoover shows that on October 7, 1963, the FBI chief reported to Kennedy that it was then technically feasible to apply wiretaps to King's telephones at two places, one of them at an unnamed location in New York.

That memorandum constituted the FBI's request for authority

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J. EDGAR HOOVER



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# King Wiretap RFK's Idea, Hoover Says

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to proceed with the wiretap proposed by Kennedy four months before. The document bears in the lower left-hand corner the signature, "Robert F. Kennedy," and under the name the date "10-10-63."

Hoover did not indicate to The Star when the surveillance was started but said the taps were discontinued on April 30, 1965. At that time Nicholas Katzenbach was serving as Attorney General.

Asked about the results of the electronic surveillance today, Hoover declined comment.

The FBI director told The Star: "I have never authorized installation of technical electronic devices without written authority of the Attorney General."

Today's disclosures climaxed a long smoldering controversy over the role of the FBI, a subordinate bureau of the Justice Department, in using wiretaps or other electronic devices in investigative matters. The matter came to a head Sunday when Carl Rowan, a columnist for The Star, charged that the FBI had no authority to wiretap Dr. King's conversations. He quoted former Attorney General Ramsey Clark, who succeeded Katzenbach, as saying "the implication that people thought Dr. King was a security threat is outrageous."

The Rowan charges prompted Associate FBI Director Clyde A. Tolson to write to Rowan early this week defending legality of the King wiretaps.

"For your information," Tolson said in his letter, "the wiretap on Martin Luther King Jr. was specifically approved in advance in writing by the late attorney general of the United States, Mr. Robert F. Kennedy."

Tolson added that the monitoring device was "strictly in the field of internal security and therefore was within the provision laid down by the President of the United States."

Evans, now a Washington lawyer, was en route to Puerto Rico today and could not be reached for comment. However, Tuesday night Evans said he had no recollection of whether a wiretap authorization directed at King had ever been involved in his discussion with Kennedy.

Aides to Sen. Edward M. Kennedy, D-Mass., said today he would have no comment on Hoover's disclosure.

Friends of Robert Kennedy had suggested in recent days that, during 1964, in the period after the assassination of President John F. Kennedy, the attorney general's interest in some of his official affairs had flagged. However, the assassination came nearly six weeks after Robert Kennedy signed the authorization for the King wiretap.

Hoover and Kennedy, after the latter became a New York senator, accused each other of being responsible for use of hidden microphones in investigations.

Evans figured in that controversy when Kennedy made public a February, 1966, letter to him from Evans which made the point that the use of hidden microphones was not Kennedy's responsibility but suggested he may have directly approved the use of wiretaps on phones. That letter said the FBI sent national security wiretap requests to Kennedy for approval.

It is reliably reported that Kennedy was reminded by the FBI that it still had in its files the authorizations signed by him as Attorney General for telephonic wiretaps. However, Hoover did not disclose at that time any names of persons under wiretap surveillance with Kennedy's approval.

At that stage, Kennedy and Hoover broke off the public exchange of charges as if by mutual consent. This was regarded partly as due to Kennedy's realization that his signed authorizations were still in FBI files, partly to the FBI's desire not to have special attention drawn to its investigative techniques nor to engage in a battle with the Kennedy forces that could have political overtones.

The Justice Department on Tuesday declined a direct an-

swer when asked for documentation of Tolson's contention in his letter to Rowan. But earlier this month, a Justice Department spokesman said Hoover was "accurate in every respect" in his repeated statements that all wiretaps were being authorized in advance and in writing by the Attorney General during the time-span of the controversy.

A Justice department spokesman, asked today if Attorney General John N. Mitchell had given Hoover permission to discuss the contents of secret documents of the King wiretapping, replied simply, "no comment."

However, the spokesman recalled that the attorney general had declined to authorize disclosures in court of the basic authority for the wiretapping. Such disclosures had been demanded by defense lawyers in the Houston draft evasion hearing for former boxing champion Cassius Clay. It was during that hearing that the King wiretapping was officially revealed for the first time.

June 24, 1969

MEMORANDUM FOR MR. TOLSON  
MR. DE LOACH  
MR. SULLIVAN

With regard to the technical surveillance and investigation of the late Martin Luther King, Jr., I note that copies of the material were sent to Carl T. Rowan, then Director of the United States Information Agency. I further note that the material, particularly the over-all summary memorandum of December 21, 1964, was widely distributed to representatives of the Government agencies. I think there should be greater discrimination relative to the dissemination of highly confidential material. Certainly Rowan, even though he was Director of the United States Information Agency, should never have been furnished with this material in view of his known racist activities. I note the same material was disseminated to Dr. Leland J. Hayworth of the National Science Foundation. I do not understand why he should have been included on the list for dissemination, as certainly King's activities did not fall within the area of his Foundation.

Please initiate immediately a re-evaluation of the dissemination of our highly sensitive and confidential information.

Very truly yours,

J. E. H.

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John Edgar Hoover  
Director

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# Memorandum

TO : Mr. Tolson

DATE: June 20, 1969

FROM : L. E. Wherry, Jr. *L. E. Wherry, Jr.*

SUBJECT: Call from The Association of University Women *DC*

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June 19, 1969 - 6:20 P. M.

A local call was received for you from a woman who said she was representing The Association of University Women. They wished to express their disappointment in your statement regarding the late Senator Robert Kennedy and also Martin Luther King. *6- M.A.L.*

She refused to give her name and declined to speak with an agent. *✓ pd*

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# Memorandum

TO : Mr. DeLoach *guy*

FROM : T. E. Bishop *TEB*

SUBJECT: MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR.  
SECURITY MATTER - COMMUNIST

DATE: 6-23-69

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CASSIUS MARCELLUS CLAY  
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By teletype of 6-20-69 Houston Office advised that a transcript of the testimony of SA Robert Nichols in the Cassius Clay hearing in Houston was obtained at 4:30 p. m. on 6-20-69 from the court reporter who had just typed the same. The Houston teletype advised of what SA Robert Nichols had testified to with regard to the wiretap on Martin Luther King. The teletype reflected that while the copy of the testimony of SA Nichols was being prepared at the home of the court reporter, one Ken Demaris, of Time magazine, was furnished a copy for his review on the premises only by the court reporter and thereafter immediately placed a long distance call through his Washington Office in which he proceeded to read the transcript verbatim.

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Current developments: At 2:50 p. m. 6-23-69, Bishop was telephonically contacted by one Nick Chriss, who identified himself as a reporter for the Los Angeles Times in Houston, Texas. He stated that he had been informed that Agents of the FBI went to the home of the court reporter, Evelyn Overbeck, on Friday evening, 6-20-69, and secured from her a copy or copies of the transcript of the testimony in the Cassius Clay hearing which they informed her was to be immediately taken or sent to Bureau Headquarters in Washington, D. C. Chriss advised that he was advised by Miss Overbeck that the FBI Agents had asked her for a copy of the transcript earlier in the week. Chriss desired to know what the FBI could advise him about securing the transcript, such as: why was it picked up, why was it being taken or sent to Washington, who ordered that it be picked up and sent to Washington, etc. He was informed that the FBI would have no comment to make on this matter.

RECOMMENDATION: None. For information.

- 1 - Mr. DeLoach
- 1 - Mr. Sullivan
- 1 - Mr. Gale
- 1 - Mr. Jones

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Mr. ~~Ben~~ Greenawalt  
Associate Professor  
Columbia School of Law  
Columbia University  
New York, New York 10027

Res. 410 Riverside Dr.  
N.Y. N.Y.

Dear Sir:

Your letter containing unwarranted criticism of the FBI, which appeared in the "Letters to the Editor of The Times" in "The New York Times" on June 14, 1969, has been brought to my attention. In this connection, I am enclosing a copy of a letter by Associate Director Clyde A. Tolson of this Bureau to Carl T. Rowan, who recently expressed similar unfounded charges in his column in "The Sunday Star," Washington, D. C., issue of June 15, 1969. I thought you would want to be aware of the facts in this matter.

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Very truly yours,

J. Edgar Hoover

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NOTE: Above letter recommended by Mr. Tolson and concurred in by the Director.

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TO : Mr. Bishop

DATE: 6-17-69

FROM : M. Jones

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SUBJECT:

KENT GREENAWALT  
ASSOCIATE PROFESSOR  
COLUMBIA SCHOOL OF LAW, NEW YORK CITY  
CRITICISM OF MR. HOOVER AND FBI ON  
WIRETAPPING OF MARTIN LUTHER KING

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Reference is made to Letter to the Editor from captioned individual which appeared in the 6-14-69 issue of "The New York Times." Greenawalt states he is "shocked by the disclosure of continuing electronic surveillance of one of the country's greatest and most respected leaders." Greenawalt asks who authorized such a surveillance on King, noting that Ramsey Clark had denied one was authorized during his term as Attorney General and had stated that any implication that the Justice Department thought King was a national security risk is "outrageous." His letter concludes with the insistence that there be safeguards in the Justice Department to see that similar surveillances do not recur.

## DATA ON KENT GREENAWALT:

Bufiles disclose a "New York Times" article dated 7-15-68, stating that a Miss Sanja Milic, a United Nations Human Rights employee from Yugoslavia, married Kent Greenawalt, a Columbia School of Law professor, in Yugoslavia on 7-14-68. Greenawalt was identified as a graduate of Swarthmore College with a Bachelor of Philosophy Degree from Oxford University, and a law degree from Columbia.

According to the New York telephone directory, an R. Kent Greenawalt resides at 410 Riverside Drive, New York City.

## RECOMMENDATION:

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For information.

- 1 - Mr. DeLoach
- 1 - Mr. Bishop

- 1 - Mr. Gale
- 1 - Mr. Sullivan

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# Letters to the Editor of The Times

## Wiretapping Dr. King

To the Editor:

On page 27 of your June 5 issue is a report of testimony by an F.B.I. agent that Martin Luther King's telephone had been tapped for a number of years before his death. I may be naive, but I was shocked by the disclosure of continuing electronic surveillance of one of the country's greatest and most respected leaders. Entirely apart from the patent illegality of this wiretapping, it is deeply disturbing that someone like Dr. King, who himself could have been thought "subversive" only by the most fertile imaginings of bigoted minds, was subjected to systematic invasions of his privacy.

What reasons could there have been for this continued wiretapping? Do the same reasons apply to all controversial public figures? Who authorized this surveillance? It is still unclear, to my knowledge, whether Attorneys General Kennedy and Katzenbach gave such authorization. Ramsey Clark has said that no electronic surveillance of Dr. King was authorized during his term as Attorney General, and has called "outrageous" any implication that persons in the Department of Justice thought that Dr. King was a national security risk. If so, does the F.B.I. engage in such systematic incursions on its own initiative?

Should the surveillance prove to be, in fact, as outrageous as it appears on the limited information we now have, are there any institutional safeguards in the Justice Department to see that similar cases do not recur? If the public is to retain even a modicum of confidence in the willingness of the F.B.I. and the Justice Department to be responsive to the most elemental civil liberties, someone needs to provide an answer to these questions.

KENT GREENAWALT  
Associate Professor  
Columbia School of Law  
New York, June 6, 1969

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| Mr. Tolson   | ✓ |
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;;My dear ;Mr. Hoover:

I see that you have been forced to disclose memorandums in your file authorizing wire-tapping ~~shaggy~~ actions against Martin Luther King made because he might have been a "threat" to the security of the United States.

Would you kindly look further Mr. Hoover, and publicly state what other memorandums you may have on the same sorts of matters, that is, wire-tapping, or any other kind of tapping of the private affairs of any United States Citizen, which as ;you know, is contrary to the stated explicit protection guaranteed by the United States Constitution to all its citizens.

I say this, because I have been extremely harrassed, annoyed hurt, and dismayed, and brutally tortured by your I repeat YOUR dirty Department's filthy secret service electronic devices against which there is no private defense ;unless you are a scientific mechanical

mind, better than the machinery and electronic brain wave and thought control equipment pitted against you.

I am quick disgusted ;and greatly shocked that such things could happen in the United States, wouldn't you say so, sir, being a defender of

the helpless, innocent and defenseless against crime. A great big crime master you are. And all your ;bosses, whoever they may be or

have been.

Sincerely,  
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Dr. James E. Sabin  
666 3rd Street, Northwest  
Washington, D. C. 20015

Dear Sir:

Your letter containing unwarranted criticism of the FBI which appeared in the "Letters to the Editor" of "The Washington Post and Times Herald" on June 14, 1969, has been brought to my attention. In this connection I am enclosing a copy of a letter by Associate Director Clyde A. Tolson of this Bureau to Carl T. Rowan, who recently expressed similar unfounded charges in his column in "The Sunday Star," Washington, D. C., issue of June 15, 1969. I thought you would want to be aware of the facts in this matter.

Very truly yours,  
J. Edgar Hoover

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NOTE: Above letter recommended by Mr. Tolson and concurred in by the Director.

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# Memorandum

TO: Mr. Bishop

DATE 6/17/69

FROM: M. A. Jones

SUBJECT: JAMES E. SABIN, M. D.  
WASHINGTON, D. C.  
CRITICISM OF MR. HOOVER AND FBI ON  
WIRETAP ON MARTIN LUTHER KING

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Reference is made to a Letter to the Editor from captioned individual which appeared in the 6/14/69 issue of "The Washington Post and Times Herald." Sabin criticizes the FBI's "most recent foray into electronic surveillance," stating that the FBI cannot be excused for its wiretaps on King. He suggests that Mr. Hoover deserves public rebuke for this action and removal from office. Sabin concludes his letter by stating that Mr. Nixon recently attacked student radicals for "moral arrogance" because they do not respect others, and that the FBI deserves to be judged by these same standards.

## DATA ON JAMES E. SABIN, MD:

Bufiles contain no identifiable data on Sabin. The D. C. telephone directory lists a Dr. James E. Sabin at 6666 32nd Street, Northwest.

## RECOMMENDATION:

For information.

- 1 - Mr. DeLoach
- 1 - Mr. Bishop
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Sensible citizens should no longer be shocked by disgraceful misconduct on the part of our national leaders, but your description of the FBI's most recent foray into electronic surveillance deserves comment. The FBI cannot be allowed to excuse itself with a bland acknowledgement that it "did not follow regular policy on this particular"

The actions of a Federal agency cannot be regulated if its leaders are not held strictly accountable for the agency's conduct. Mr. Nixon attacked student radicals for their "moral arrogance" in his recent speech, on the basis of their lack of "respect for the rights of others." The FBI deserves to be judged by the same standards we apply to the SDS.

Washington.

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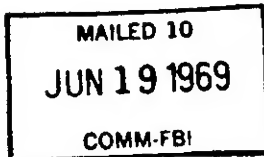
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Washington, D. C. 20008

Dear [REDACTED]

With respect to your letter which was received on June 9th, Carl T. Rowan recently wrote an article concerning our activities relating to Martin Luther King, Jr. Enclosed is a copy of a letter dated June 16, 1969, from Associate Director Clyde Tolson of this Bureau to Rowan setting forth the FBI's position in this matter.

Sincerely yours,  
J. Edgar Hoover



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The Honorable J. Edgar Hoover,  
Director of the Federal Bureau  
of Investigation  
Department of Justice  
Washington, D.C. 20535

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| Mr. Tolson   | ✓ |
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| Miss Holmes  | ✓ |
| Miss Gandy   | ✓ |

Dear Sir,

Mr Cassius Clay, alias " Muhammed Ali ", has testified that the FBI tapped the late Rev. Martin Luther King, Jr.'s phone conversations.

Mr. Hoover, Irealize that the FBI was only trying to protect the Rev. King, but, nevertheless, the action seems to me to be unwarranted. You know that wiretaps are an invasion of privacy, and should be used only after issuance of a court order, and with the greatest discretion.

There is widespread defiance of law, today, Mr. Hoover, among all classes. Police agencies must set the best example of adherence to the law. Any other course only plays into the hands of the disruptors.

Very cordially yours,

[Redacted Signature]

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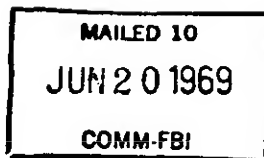
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Dear [REDACTED]

In reply to your letter of June 16th, I am enclosing  
a copy of an article which appeared in the June 19, 1969, issue of  
"The Evening Star," Washington, D. C., which concerns our activ-  
ities relating to Martin Luther King, Jr. and sets forth the FBI's  
position in this matter.

Sincerely yours,

J. Edgar Hoover



Enclosure

"The Evening Star" article entitled, "King Wiretap Called RFK's Idea,"  
6/19/69.

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Freeport, Texas 77541  
June 16, 1969

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Mr. J. Edgar Hoover  
Federal Bureau of Investigation  
Washington, D. C.

Dear Mr. Hoover:

Please reconcile for me (if you can) your devotion to "law and order" with your department's unauthorized and illegal wire-taps of the late Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.

I am simply questioning whose "laws" you are enforcing, and I hope I receive an answer.

Sincerely,

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June 16, 1969

BY SPECIAL MESSENGER

Carl T. Rowan  
The Evening Star  
225 Virginia Avenue, S. E.  
Washington, D. C. 20003

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My attention has been called to the malicious  
article which you wrote in the Sunday Star on June 15, 1969,  
concerning Mr. J. Edgar Hoover, Director of the FBI.

For your information, the wire tap on Martin  
Luther King, Jr., was specifically approved in advance in  
writing by the late Attorney General of the United States,  
Mr. Robert F. Kennedy. This device was strictly in the  
field of internal security and, therefore, was within the  
provisions laid down by the then President of the United  
States.

It is to be hoped that you will give the same  
publicity to this letter as was given to your scurrilous  
editorial.

Yours truly,

Clyde A. Tolson  
Clyde A. Tolson

cc Mr. Newbold Noyes  
Editor

The Evening Star  
225 Virginia Avenue, S. E.  
Washington, D. C. 20003

ST:LCB

This letter was approved by Messrs. Sullivan, Gale, Donahoe, Mohr and

Bishop.

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Washington, D. C.  
6/15/69

Mr. Tolson \_\_\_\_\_  
Mr. DeLoach \_\_\_\_\_  
Mr. Mohr \_\_\_\_\_  
Mr. Bishop \_\_\_\_\_  
Mr. Casper \_\_\_\_\_  
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CARL T. ROWAN

## It Is Time for J. Edgar Hoover to Go

A society is never in more peril than when the people lose the ability to identify a genuine threat to personal liberty.

This society is in a lot of peril if we may judge from the public reaction — or lack of it — to courtroom admissions of a variety of illegal FBI wiretaps and buggings of homes and hotel rooms.

A Justice Department official acknowledged in Federal District Court that Dr. Martin Luther King was under electronic surveillance in 1964 and 1965, and the FBI agent who supervised this surveillance told the court "it was my understanding that it went on after that."

The whole truth is that Dr. King's phones were tapped, his hotel rooms bugged, and he was personally shadowed right up to the time he was slain in Memphis on April 4, 1968.

Another FBI agent, C. Barry Pickett, told the court in Houston, Texas, that for four solid years he had listened eight hours a day, five days a week, to the conversations of Elijah Muhammad, leader of the Black Muslims. Pickett employed both a telephone wiretap and a microphone planted in Muhammad's home.

These cases of electronic eavesdropping, which violate both federal law and a presidential executive order, were disclosed in a hearing on for-

mer heavyweight boxing champion Cassius Clay's effort to overturn a five-year prison sentence for his refusal to be drafted.

These buggings, which caught some Clay conversations in their "net," are but a fraction of the illegal wiretaps that have moved this country far closer to a police state than most Americans realize.

Why the bland, indifferent reaction on the part of most Americans?

First, there is the general FBI justification for such tactics: "national security."

Former Attorney General Ramsey Clark, who states emphatically that the FBI had no authority to wiretap or bug Dr. King, asserts that "the implication that people thought Dr. King was a security threat is outrageous."

Still, that term "national security" is more powerful than "motherhood," for it evokes fear, and men still surrender more things — including liberty — out of fear than they do out of love.

The puzzling thing about Clark's statement is that he acts as though he is surprised to hear of the wiretapping and bugging of Dr. King. Could Clark possibly have been unaware that FBI officials were going before congressional committees and partly justifying larger appropriations by

bullying some congressmen and feeding anti-King ammunition to Southerners who despised the civil rights leader — all by way of revealing "tidbits" picked up through the wiretaps and buggings?

Was Clark unaware that certain FBI officials were roaming the country leaking to newspaper editors poisonous stories about Dr. King and what the buggings allegedly had revealed?

Everybody else in Washington of any consequence knew it, and many deplored it, but no one seemed to know how to go about making the FBI bend to the laws of the land.

There is a not-too-flippant assumption in Washington that J. Edgar Hoover has been FBI director for 45 years because all the recent Presidents have assumed that he knew too much about them to be replaced. So not only was he not replaced by any of the younger, very able FBI men in the normal course of things, but Presidents Johnson and Nixon have felt it wise or expedient to waive a law saying Hoover has reached the rocking-chair age.

Hoover ought to be replaced as FBI director — immediately.

As Washington agency heads go, Hoover may have done a better job than most. But the people of this country knew

something when they limited the time one man might serve in the presidency. They saw personal fiefdoms as inimical to the democracy, the personal freedom, that we have come to cherish.

If it is dangerous to have one man serve three full terms as President, it is far more dangerous to have one man take lifetime possession of a powerful police-investigative agency that prods into the deepest secrets of the most prominent, most honored citizens and has the power to discredit, even destroy, almost anyone. The kind of abuse of and contempt for the law manifest in the King and Muhammad eavesdropping become almost inevitable when a man is left in a key job as long as Hoover has been.

Were Hoover a more thoughtful man, or as concerned about the preservation of democracy and liberty as his speeches suggest, he would have resigned long ago. He would not keep putting Presidents in the political bind of deciding to keep him or ease him out.

It is clear Hoover has the intention of resigning. So what does the President muster the courage to say: "Well done, thou good and faithful servant. Goodbye?"

Letter to Rowan  
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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION  
UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE  
June 16, 1969

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MR. DELOACH ✓  
MR. MOHR ✓  
MR. BISHOP ✓  
MR. CASPER ✓  
MR. CALLAHAN ✓  
MR. CONRAD ✓  
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MR. JONES ✓  
TELE. ROOM ✓  
MISS HOLMES ✓  
MRS. METCALF ✓  
MISS GANDY ✓

Mr. Tolson wishes to have called to Mr. Hoover's attention the following:

First:

The Attorney General (Kennedy) asked a Bureau Official to come to his office - he was considering placing a tele. surveillance on King. (July 16, 1963.)

The Bureau official (Evans) talked him out of it, at that time. (July 25, 1963)

Second:

A little over a week later, AG Kennedy changed his mind and thought it ill advised at that time to place a tele. surveillance on King.

Third:

On October 7, 1963, THE BUREAU REQUESTED authority to place the tele. surveillance, and on October 10, 1963, the Bureau approved the request.

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- 1 - Mr. C. D. DeLoach
- 1 - Mr. W. C. Sullivan
- 1 - Mr. T. E. Bishop
- 1 - Mr. G. C. Moore
- 1 - Mr. T. J. Deakin

BY LIAISON

Honorable Spiro T. Agnew  
The Vice President  
Washington, D. C.

My dear Mr. Vice President:

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For your information there is enclosed  
a document regarding the communist influence on  
Martin Luther King, Jr., founder of the Southern  
Christian Leadership Conference. This document  
includes information regarding King's highly immoral  
personal behavior.

A copy of this document has been furnished  
the President and the Attorney General.

Sincerely yours,

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jeopardize the national security. See memorandum G. C. Moore to  
Mr. W. C. Sullivan, dated 6/18/69 by TJD:fsh.

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# Memorandum ROUTE IN ENVELOPE

TO : Mr. W. C. Sullivan *WCS*

FROM : G. C. Moore *GC*

SUBJECT: MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR.  
RACIAL MATTERS

DATE: 6/18/69

1 - Mr. C. D. DeLoach  
1 - Mr. W. C. Sullivan  
1 - Mr. T. E. Bishop  
1 - Mr. G. C. Moore  
1 - Mr. T. J. Deakin

*[Signature]*

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This is to recommend attached document regarding communist influence on Martin Luther King, Jr., be furnished the Vice President.

Attached document was previously transmitted to the President and the Attorney General by memorandum dated January 22, 1969, approved by the Director. By memorandum June 16, 1969, the President, Vice President and the Attorney General were furnished the facts concerning the telephone surveillance on the residence of Martin Luther King, Jr., authorized by former Attorney General Robert F. Kennedy. In order to fully advise the Vice President of the background of Martin Luther King, Jr., it is suggested the attached document be given him. In view of the Vice President's involvement in urban affairs this document should be of interest to him. *[Signature]*

It is also noted that by letter dated June 9, 1969, the Vice President thanked the Director for keeping him informed by sending him a copy of "Potential for Racial Violence - 1969." We will continue to inform the Vice President of significant developments in the racial field.

**ACTION:**

That attached document regarding communist influence on Martin Luther King, Jr., be furnished the Vice President. This mail should be returned to Mr. DeLoach's office for delivery.

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION  
UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

10:23AM

June 20, 1969

MARION GOLDEN, CBS Morning News New York, telephoned from New York City, and asked to speak to the Director. She was offered the services of Assistant Director Bishop which she accepted.

Mr. Bishop advised that Miss Golden carried on her program charges of former Attorney Generals Ramsey Clark and Nicholas Katzenbach that the FBI had repeatedly asked them to make a wiretap on Martin Luther King. She called to invite Director of an FBI spokesman to answer these charges. She was advised that the FBI had no comment to make and that the June 19, 1969, edition of the Evening Star speaks for itself.

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The Attorney General

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Director, FBI

ARTICLE FROM THE JUNE 19, 1969 ISSUE OF "THE  
EVENING STAR," WASHINGTON, D. C. ENTITLED  
"KING WIRETAP CALLED RFK'S IDEA"

Enclosed is a copy of an article which appeared in  
today's edition of "The Evening Star."

*Martin Luther King*

Enclosure

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- 1 - Mr. Bishop - Enclosure
- 1 - Mr. Rosen - Enclosure
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# King Wiretap Called RFK's Idea

## Hoover Cites 2 Memos Giving Authority to FBI

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By JEREMIAH O'LEARY  
Star Staff Writer

FBI Director J. Edgar Hoover today disclosed that wiretapping of the Rev. Martin Luther King's telephone was proposed by then Atty. Gen. Robert F. Kennedy to FBI officials in June 1963 and carried out with the signed authorization of Kennedy a few months later.

Hoover said the FBI has in its files two memorandums which make it clear that Kennedy conceived the idea of the wiretap on King and subsequently authorized the bureau to proceed with the wiretapping on Oct. 10, 1963.

Kennedy initiated the idea for the tap in a conversation with Courtney Evans, then assistant director of the FBI and liaison officer between the agency and the Justice Department, Hoover told The Star today.

### Memorandum Cited

Hoover said the FBI has a memorandum in its files from Evans to Hoover, dated in June, 1963. Evans reported that Kennedy said he was concerned about allegations that King was a student and believer in Marxism. Kennedy, according to the Evans memorandum, expressed concern that Marxism might infiltrate the race issue in the United States because of King's leadership of Negroes through his Southern Christian Leadership Conference.

Evans reported in the memo to the FBI director, Hoover said, that the attorney general was alarmed by alleged associations between King and a New Yorker with Marxist connections. Kennedy asked Evans, the memorandum said, whether it would be feasible to install

electronic devices to monitor King's conversations in an effort to discover the extent of a possible threat to national security.

According to Evans' memo, the liaison man told Kennedy there were technical difficulties in installing such devices in the case of the Negro leader because he was a man who was almost constantly traveling.

Hoover told The Star that the FBI also told Kennedy at the time that they questioned the advisability of undertaking the electronic surveillance because of possible political repercussions.

On October 7, 1963, however, following subsequent discussions Hoover said he sent a memorandum to the Attorney General in which he reported that it was now technically feasible to apply telephone wire taps to King's telephone at SCLC headquarters in Atlanta, Ga., and at an unnamed address in New York City. This was, in effect, a request for authorization to proceed, the director said.

### Dated October, 1963

That Hoover memorandum bears the signature of "Robert F. Kennedy" in the lower left-hand corner over the handwritten date "10-10-63."

Hoover made the bombshell disclosure today as the climax to a long series of charges and counter-charges involving Justice Department officials, the FBI and Star columnist Carl Rowan over the manner in which the conversations of King were intercepted and taped by the Bureau.

Rowan charged in a column Sunday that the FBI had no authority to wiretap or bug Dr. King's conversations and quoted former Attorney General Ramsey Clark as saying "the implication that people thought Dr. King was a security threat is outrageous."

The following day, Associate FBI Director Clyde A. Tolson wrote a letter to Rowan in which he stated that the official wiretapping on King had the advance approval of Kennedy.



J. EDGAR HOOVER



SEN. ROBERT F. KENNEDY MARTIN LUTHER KING

"The Evening Star"  
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# Memorandum

TO : Mr. DeLoach

DATE: 6/10/69

FROM : T. E. Bishop

SUBJECT: CASSIUS MARCELLUS CLAY, JR.  
SELECTIVE SERVICE ACT

MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR.  
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As you have been previously advised in connection with the wiretap disclosure in captioned case, my office received a number of calls from reporters, all of which were answered "no comment."

There is attached a particularly ridiculous and erroneous column by a young reporter named Larry Miller from the "Chicago Daily News." You will note in the article he claims to have talked to me (Bishop) and to have asked eight questions, all of which were answered "no comment."

The facts are these: Miller talked to Leinbaugh in my office and asked the first question, said he had several more, and it was explained to him politely but firmly that this matter was before the courts and that "no comment" whatsoever could be made concerning the matter. He became extremely rude and started asking additional questions and it was necessary to interrupt him and again tell him that the Bureau could not make any comment and that he was wasting his time and our time. During his attempts to interrupt and inject questions, he did not mention either the Director or the President. It was finally necessary to terminate the call.

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My office is instructing the SAC, Chicago, to have no further business whatsoever with Miller.

For information.

Enclosure

- 1 - Mr. DeLoach
- 1 - Mr. Jones

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## Who tapped King phone?

# FBI code: zip lip

By Larry Miller

Why did the FBI tap the phone of the late Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. for many years?

Don't bother asking the FBI. It's not talking.

But the FBI let it slip this week that it did. In testimony in a federal court hearing on another matter in Houston, the FBI admitted that "for several years" Dr. King, as a "possible security risk," had been under electronic surveillance.

Informed by the admission, The Daily News called the bureau's headquarters in Washington.

AFTER A TYPICAL

Washington phone snafu, in which three factotums bounced the question around, a special agent named Bishop came on the phone.

Here's what happened:

Q. Why was Dr. King's phone tapped?

A. No comment.

Q. Did J. Edgar Hoover approve?

A. No comment.

Q. Was Dr. King considered a security risk?

A. No comment.

Q. If so, why? And by whom?

A. No comment.

Q. Is it the policy of the FBI to tap the phone of national leaders?

A. (Pause) No comment.

Q. Does this include senators and congressmen?

A. (Long Pause) No comment.

Q. Does it include the President?

A. (Longer Pause) No comment.

Q. Does it include J. Edgar Hoover?

A. (Longest Pause); I'm afraid I can't help you on that one.

(Indicate page, name of newspaper, city and state.)

CHICAGO DAILY NEWS

CHICAGO, ILLINOIS

Date: 6-6-59

Edition: BLUE STREAK

Author: LARRY MILLER

Editor: ROY M. FISHER

Title:

DR. MARTIN LUTHER KING JR.

Character: 100-35356  
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Harrisonburg, Virginia 22801

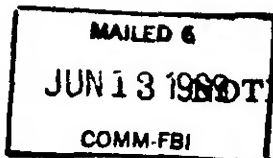
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Dear [REDACTED]

My  
Your letter of June 9th has been received. In reply to  
your inquiries, information concerning the alleged communist affilia-  
tions of Martin Luther King, whether substantiated or not, cannot be  
released because of a Department of Justice order regarding all mat-  
ters of a confidential nature. I regret I am unable to be of help to  
you in this instance.

Sincerely yours,

J. Edgar Hoover



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Harrisonburg Va  
June 9 - 1969

Federal Bureau of Investigations  
Public Relations Dept --  
Washington, D. C.

Gentlemen:

I have read or heard that Doctor Martin Luther King was Associated or Friendly to some Communist Front Organizations -- Did this information come from Investigation by the F. B. I. Is it possible to secure A copy of Report if True. Or can I Find it in a Library under what Title - Thanks --

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*P. Moore*  
*[Signature]*

Asheville, North Carolina 28803

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Dear [REDACTED]

DATE 2-13-81 BY SP4 JRM/uk

I have received your letter of June 2nd, with  
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In reply to your inquiry, information concerning  
the alleged communist affiliations of Martin Luther King, whether  
substantiated or not, cannot be released because of a Department  
of Justice order regarding all matters of a confidential nature.  
For the same reason, I am unable to furnish you any data relating  
to the other statements in your enclosure. I regret I cannot be of  
help to you in this instance.

Sincerely yours,

J. Edgar Hoover

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the [REDACTED]. The enclosure is a pamphlet concerning  
Martin Luther King and other members of the Southern Christian Leader-  
ship Conference who are well known to the Bureau. This pamphlet is dis-  
tributed by the Citizens Anti-Communist Committee of Connecticut which  
is well known to the Bureau as a rabid anti-communist group.

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P.O. BOX 1780, BRIDGEPORT, CONN.

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June 2, 1969

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Federal Bureau of Investigation  
Washington  
District of Columbia

Gentlemen:

I recently received the enclosed bulletin concerning Martin Luther King and some of his associates.

Whenever I receive such information, I always raise the question as to whether or not the facts are true.

Do your files, in any degree, substantiate the statements made in the enclosed bulletin?

Cordially yours,

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REV. DR. MARTIN LUTHER KING

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Founder of the Southern  
Christian Leadership  
Conference

Winner of the 1964  
Nobel Peace Prize



The New York City  
Gold Medal Award

Time Magazine Man  
of the Year

University of Bridgeport  
Honorary Degree

The assassination of the Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. has brought to light some important points to ponder regarding his life and death.

What was Martin Luther King's true role in the civil rights and interracial scene? His role may very well have been, unwittingly a transitional one — both peace and violence.

Martin Luther King attended the Highlander Folk School in 1957 at Monteagle, Tenn., a successor to the Communist-controlled Commonwealth College, which was co-founded by Don West, district director, of the Communist Party of North Carolina and Myles Norton, an activist with the Young Communist League. (See House Committee on Un-American Activities, Testimony of Paul Crouch, May 6, 1949, pp. 191, 193.)

Martin Luther King's close friends at the Highlander Folk School were Carl and Anne Braden, both identified Communists; Abner W. Berry of the central committee of the Communist Party; and James A. Dombrowsky, also an identified Communist.

Martin Luther King's chief advisors in the Southern Christian Leadership Conference (SCLC) are Rev. Ralph Abernathy, close friends and associates, now to be King's successor; the Rev. Andrew Young, SCLC program director; the Rev. Fred Shuttlesworth, an officer in SCLC; "Jack" Hunter Pitts O'Dell, twice aid in SCLC; and Bayard Rustin, a consultant and one-time "secretary to Dr. King."

Who is the Rev. Ralph Abernathy? The Rev. Ralph Abernathy received his training in civil rights agitation at the Highlander Folk School. He also signed a petition along with leading Communist on behalf of Carl Braden, an identified Communist who was convicted of contempt of Congress and received a one year jail sentence.

Who is the Rev. Andrew Young? Rev. Young, program director of SCLC, was the administrator of the Dorchester Center in Liberty County, Ga. Rev. Young was trained at the Highlander Folk School. Hunter Pitts O'Dell, an identified Communist did some work at Rev. Young's Dorchester Center. (See Atlanta Constitution, July 24, 1963, pp. 1, 7.)

Who is the Rev. Fred Shuttlesworth? Rev. Shuttlesworth, a vice president of the SCLC, is the president of the Southern Conference Education Fund which is the successor to the Southern Conference for Human Welfare, a cited Communist front. Who is Hunter Pitts O'Dell? Hunter Pitts O'Dell or "Jack" H. O'Dell was identified as the district director for the Communist Party in New Orleans, in hearings before the U.S. Senate Internal Security Subcommittee — (see New York Times, Sept. 15, 1956, p. 54.)

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A TRIBUTE TO THE  
**REV. DR. MARTIN LUTHER KING**

Who is Bayard Rustin? Bayard Rustin, King's "secretary", was an admitted member of the Young Communist League (YCL). (New York Times, Aug. 20, 1963, p. 2.) As a professed conscientious objector he, served 26 months in federal prisons. Rustin has worked closely with the War Resisters League, Liberation magazine, the Medical Air to Cuba Committee, the Committee for Non-Violent Action (CNVA) and other extreme leftist groups. In Sept., 1963, while in Richmond, Va., Rustin suggested "that more bloody Negro suffering should be encouraged so that squeamish Northern Negroes would be horrified into line . . ." — Richmond News-Leader, Sept. 27, 1963.

Martin Luther King in addition to allowing Communist influence in his movement, attempted to couple the civil rights question with foreign policy issues especially Vietnam. Referring to our position in Vietnam King called the United States "The worst purveyor of violence in the world today." (An outright untruth that follows the Communist fondest dream. Note this does not free people, but enslaves.)

Martin Luther King and his wife since 1965 were active in headlining of mass peace demonstration — including the mass demonstration of April, 1967 in Central Park where the American flag was burned, and at the United Nations. These demonstrations have been manipulated by the Communist Party and its front groups. At one time King planned to travel to North Vietnam as a self-appointed diplomat — a violation of the Logan Act, to seek so called "peace" (surrender, of South Vietnam — No. 1 Red tactic).

Martin Luther King assailed the 1964 airlift of a relief force to release hostage missionaries who were being burned and raped while being held by the Congolese rebels. (Why would a fellow Christian Minister assail such an act of mercy?)

Martin Luther King's "non-violence" and "civil disobedience" involved disruptions and breaking whatever laws the movement feels it is above. Law and order is subverted through draft resistance, tying up traffic, sit-ins and mass breaking of federal, state and city laws which have resulted in violence, arson and looting. (A main Red aim.)

What did the Memphis marches have to do with racial issues? Martin Luther King and his aides turned a sanitation man's strike — a labor dispute — into a massive disruptive, destructive civil rights riots.

What may be in store for America? Ballots or bullets? If Martin Luther King's assassination marks a turning of the corner into open guerrilla warfare by certain extreme "black power" groups, the country will be in perilous times. Such guerrilla warfare oriented groups include the Student Non-Violent Coordinating Committee (SNCC), Revolution Action Movement (RAM), the Malcolm X. Society. You can also expect other groups to defend the above mentioned ones — such as, CORE, SANE, Womens Strike for Peace, International League for Peace and Freedom, W.E.B. DuBois Clubs, Non-Violent Coordinating Committee, Students for a Democratic Society and the Communist Party.

Is there real hope for lasting racial harmony? The different races in America are her strength and glory. There is no color bar for hatred. The issue in America is not of black power or white power but of whether we have the God power which unites rather than the hate-power which can divide and destroy. We were all meant to walk the earth as the daughters and the sons of God.

"The Communists are constantly encouraging class struggle, trying to increase social, economic, and political tensions. To them class struggle is an agency for promoting communism" J. Edgar Hoover "Masters of Deceit", p. 317. Could it be true what J. Edgar Hoover reiterates, that Martin Luther King is the most notorious liar in this country?

Free copies on request of this circular or background on the above mentioned groups contact: Citizens Anti-Communist Committee of Conn., PO Box 1780, Bridgeport, Conn.

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## Domestic Intelligence Division

## INFORMATIVE NOTE

Date 6/6/69

The attached pertains to a newspaper inquiry of Coretta King, widow of the late Martin Luther King, Jr., concerning recent publicity about a wiretap on the phone of King. This publicity was in connection with the Selective Service case trial of Cassius Clay. Mrs. King sought the advice of Stanley Levison through her travel companion Benita Bennette. Levison was a secret member of the Communist Party as late as 1963 and a principal advisor to King. *S*

In view of the sensitive nature of the source, no dissemination is being made. *U*

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| Mr. Conrad   |   |
| Mr. Felt     |   |
| Mr. Gale     |   |
| Mr. Rosen    | ✓ |
| Mr. Sullivan | ✓ |
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TO DIRECTOR 100-106670 (CODE)

ATTENTION DOMESTIC INTELLIGENCE DIVISION

XXXX FROM NEW YORK 100-136585 2P  
SECURITY MATTER - COMMUNIST  
MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR. SM-C (OO-ATLANTA).

FOLLOWING INFORMATION RECEIVED FROM [REDACTED]

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ON JUNE SIX INSTANT, A PERSON BELIEVED TO BE BENITA BENNETTE, AN AIDE TO CORETTA KING, TOLD STANLEY LEVISON THAT JOHN MC AULIFFE, REPRESENTATIVE OF "NEWSDAY", A LONG ISLAND, NEW YORK DAILY NEWSPAPER, HAD CALLED AND WANTED CORETTA'S REACTION TO THE FOLLOWING QUESTIONS: ONE) DID DR. (MARTIN LUTHER) KING KNOW HIS TELEPHONE WAS TAPPED? TWO) WAS IT HIS HOME PHONE, OFFICE PHONE OR BOTH? THREE) WHY WAS THE TELEPHONE TAPPED?

LEVISON, WHO APPEARED TAKEN BACK, REPLIED THAT SHE SHOULD NOT ANSWER EACH QUESTION BUT THAT SHE SHOULD SAY "HE HAD NO WAY OF KNOWING IF HIS PHONE WAS TAPPED AND, AS TO WHY, THAT QUESTION SHOULD BE DIRECTED TO THE FBI AND THE DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE".

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BENNETTE BROUGHT UP THE MATTER OF RESCHEDULING A MEETING ON THURSDAY, JUNE TWELVE AND LEVISON AGAIN BROUGHT UP THE REQUEST FROM THE "NEWSDAY" REPRESENTATIVE. HE STATED, "THE SECOND PART SHOULD BE 'THE QUESTION WHY WAS THE TELEPHONE OF DR. KING TAPPED IS CERTAINLY A SERIOUS QUESTION, A SERIOUS AND SIGNIFICANT QUESTION. IT HAS TO BE DIRECTED, HOWEVER, TO THE DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE AND THE FBI.'" *S*

BENNETTE REPLIED "AND THE OTHER PART 'HE WOULD HAVE NO WAY OF KNOWING HIS PHONE WAS TAPPED.'" *8*

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CC- MR. SULLIVAN

UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

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TO : Mr. Gale *h/g*

FROM : A. B. Eddy *h/g*

SUBJECT: CASSIUS MARCELLUS CLAY, JR.  
SELECTIVE SERVICE ACT

DATE: June 9, 1969

The information set forth in the Washington Post of June 8, 1969, concerning the testimony of FBI Agent Robert Nichols is erroneous. The Post article indicated that "confirmation that Dr. King's home phone was tapped from 1964 until around the time of his assassination April 4, 1968, came from FBI Agent Robert Nichols. Asked if the tap continued until the assassination date, Nichols nodded."

Special Agent Nichols stated that he answered all questions orally, and that he never nodded his head in response to a question by the defense. According to Agent Nichols, he was asked by the defense if the surveillance of Dr. King was running up to April, 1968, to which Special Agent Nichols responded that he did not know the exact date the surveillance was discontinued because he was not on the case after May, 1965.

According to Assistant Special Agent in Charge (ASAC) Hetherington, the United States Attorney and the Assistant United States Attorney, both of whom were present in the court, stated Special Agent Nichols did not answer any question by nodding his head.

## ACTION:

The foregoing is submitted for information.

ENCLOSURE

- 1 - Mr. DeLoach
- 1 - Mr. Mohr
- 1 - Mr. Bishop
- 1 - Mr. Gale
- 1 - Mr. Eddy
- 1 - Mr. Devine

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# Memorandum

TO : Mr. DeLoach

DATE: 6/9/69

FROM : T. E. Bishop

SUBJECT: CASSIUS MARCELLUS CLAY, JR.  
SELECTIVE SERVICE ACT

MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR.  
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As is known, disclosures were made in the court case involving Cassius Clay in Houston, Texas, to the effect that the FBI had wiretaps on Martin Luther King and Elijah Muhammad of the Black Muslims which were monitored by FBI Agents.

As a result of these disclosures, Bishop's office received a very large number of inquiries late on Thursday, 6/5/69, and all day Friday, 6/6/69, from news media concerning this matter. They wished to know if these wiretaps were authorized by the Director's superior, the Attorney General, how long they continued, etc. Bishop's office has maintained a policy of not commenting in answer to these inquiries but has referred newsmen to testimony of the Director before the House Subcommittee on Appropriations, going back to 3/4/65 and continuing through his testimony on 2/23/68. On each occasion in his testimony Mr. Hoover has stated the number of wiretaps then being operated by the FBI, has pointed out that each is authorized in writing by the Attorney General, and that each of them is in the internal security field. By referring the newsmen to this testimony, the point is made crystal clear that none of the wiretaps are done on the Director's authority but are all approved by the Attorney General then in office.

It is also noted that on the evening of 6/7/69 a spokesman for the Department of Justice, in referring to the matter discussed in Mr. Hoover's testimony, as stated above, has made the statement that "Mr. Hoover's testimony is accurate in every respect," thus confirming Mr. Hoover's testimony.

## RECOMMENDATION:

Bishop's office will continue a policy of no comment on this matter but will continue to refer inquirers to Mr. Hoover's testimony as set out above.

1 - Mr. DeLoach  
1 - Mr. Sullivan  
1 - Mr. Jones

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**[REDACTED]**  
Fort Lauderdale, Florida 33315

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Dear **[REDACTED]**

I received your letter of June 2nd and appreciate your generous remarks concerning my administration of this Bureau.

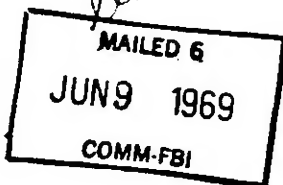
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Sincerely yours,

J. Edgar Hoover

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Mr J Edgar Hoover  
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Dear Mr Hoover:

It is a great comfort, in this time of unrest and  
turmoil to know that you are so well "on the job"

Your information on some of M. L. Kings top com-  
panions & speech writers must surely be brought out at the proper  
time. Please keep this before Congress and the President as well  
as testify about all you know about King if Congress brings up the  
celebrating of his birthday - as a National Holiday -

Too few people know of this situation and I'm afraid  
swallow all the "good" hook, line & sinker

Please make everything that you can, general public  
information

Paul Scott is writing some fine editorials which  
should shake people awake.

Thank you for your outstanding service to our country -

Yours truly

/s/

[Redacted Signature]

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Mr J Edgar Hoover

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Martin Luther King

Washington D.C.

Dear Mr Hoover,


It is a great comfort, in this time of unrest and turmoil to know that you are so well "on the job"

Your information on some of Mr. L. King's top companions & speech writers must surely be brought out at the proper time. Please keep this before Congress and the President as well as testify about all you know about King if Congress brings up the celebrating of his birthday - as a

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Northridge, California 91324

Dear [REDACTED]

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This is to acknowledge receipt of your letter received at this Bureau on May 26, 1969.

For your information, the Federal Bureau of Investigation is an investigative arm of the United States Department of Justice, and the results of investigation conducted by this Bureau are furnished to the Department of Justice. If you have any further questions, you may desire to communicate directly with Mr. Jerris Leonard, Assistant Attorney General, Civil Rights Division, United States Department of Justice, Washington, D. C. 20530.

You may be assured that this Bureau will endeavor to fully discharge its investigative responsibilities in all matters coming within our jurisdiction.

Sincerely yours,

J. Edgar Hoover

John Edgar Hoover  
Director

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NOTE:

b7(c) [REDACTED] directed a letter to this Bureau asking several questions as to the Martin Luther King, Jr., investigation. We are advising [REDACTED] that if he has any questions concerning the investigation, he is to communicate directly with the Department.

Based upon available data [REDACTED] not identifiable in Bureau files.

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[REDACTED] b7(c)  
Northridge, Calif.

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Mr. Hoover,

Most Americans have peacefully accepted the outcome of the investigation and trial of the killer of Martin Luther King. I haven't.

Ray didn't act alone, did he? What about the man named "Raowl" who simply dissappeared from the proceedings? Why this reluctance to fully probe the truth?

Come to think of it-a lot of Americans are through with this peacefull acceptance-the handling and suppressing of the King case is just another factor in giving up hope for peaceful change. Please answer my specific questions [REDACTED]

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Sincerely yours,

J. Edgar Hoover

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To Whom It May Concern:

If it is not confidential information, I would like to know if the late Martin Luther King was in any way connected with the Communist Party. Is it true that he attended the Highland School of Tennessee which is supposedly Communist inspired.

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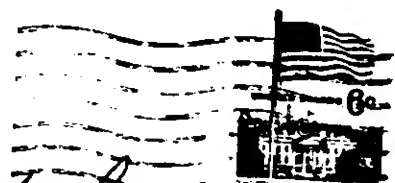
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**Sincerely yours,**

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**NOTE:** On the basis of available information, correspondent cannot be identified in Bufiles. Correspondent's enclosed self-addressed, stamped envelope being utilized in reply.

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J. Edgar Hoover, Director  
Federal Bureau of Investigation  
Washington, D. C.

Dear Mr. Hoover.

There is a statement in the American Opinion Biographical Dictionary of the Left, Vol. I, in which Representative John M. Ashbrook, Republican, Ohio, says, "Mr. Hoover (J. Edgar) is privy to many confidential reports on Mr. King's activities just as I am, and while their nature cannot be disclosed, I can say without equivocation that Martin Luther King does not want nor can he stand a public airing of his record. I can rest my case against King with the public utterances and actions of this man and any revelation of confidential matters is entirely unnecessary."

I would like two questions answered, please: (1) Does Rep. J. M. Ashbrook have access to confidential files in the Federal Bureau of Investigation? and, (2) Who does have access to these files? Members of Congress or members of Congressional Committees? Who?

I would appreciate this information as soon as possible. Enclosed is my self-addressed air mail special delivery envelope.

Thank you very much.

Sincerely yours,

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**New York, New York 10025**

Dear [REDACTED]

In reply to your letter of May 2nd, information concerning the alleged communist affiliations of Martin Luther King, whether substantiated or not, cannot be released because of a Department of Justice order regarding all matters of a confidential nature. For the same reason, I am unable to furnish you any information relating to your other inquiries. I regret I am unable to be of help in this instance.

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Sincerely yours,  
J. Edgar Hoover

NOTE: On the basis of available information, correspondent cannot be identified in Bufiles. The Southern Conference Educational Fund, with headquarters in Louisville, is the successor to the Southern Conference for Human Welfare which has been cited as a communist-front organization. Southern Christian Leadership Conference, formerly headed by King, now headed by Reverend Ralph Abernathy, is well known to the Bureau.

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New York, N.Y. 10025  
May 2, 1969

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Federal Bureau of Investigation  
Department of Justice  
Washington, D.C.

Re: MARTIN LUTHER KING, Jr. (Dec'd)

Gentlemen:

In various publications I have read that the late Martin Luther King, Jr., had been identified as a member of something like 60 (sixty) organizations that had, in turn, been identified as Communist fronts. In this connection, I have the following questions.

1. Do you know if Martin Luther King, Jr., was at any time a member of the Communist Party?
2. Has the organization known as the Southern Christian Leadership Conference been identified as "Communist front" or subversive in any way? How about the Southern Christian Educational Fund?
3. If the answer to either of the above two questions is affirmative, as well as confirmatory regarding the report mentioned in my first paragraph, please provide the names of a few other Communist front organizations (determined by prominence, activity, etc.) of which Mr. King was a member.

Thanking you in advance,

Very truly yours,

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April 30, 1969

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Salisbury, North Carolina 28144

Dear [REDACTED]

I have received your letter of April 25th. With respect to your inquiries concerning the activities of Martin Luther King, information contained in our files must be maintained as confidential in accordance with regulations of the Department of Justice and I am unable to refer you to any source which can furnish the data you desire. I regret I cannot be of help to you.

Sincerely yours,

J. Edgar Hoover

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Salisbury, North Carolina 28144  
April 25, 1969

Mr. J. Edgar Hoover, Director  
Federal Bureau of Investigation  
Washington, D. C.

Dear Sir:

I have a question about the late Dr. Martin L. King that I would like to have answered if possible. Is there a source that I could turn to that disproves his loyalty to the United States, or that he received aid from the Communists, or that he encouraged violent marches?

① KING

This began to bother me recently when the pastor of our church was teaching a group of young people, and was comparing Martin L. King to Martin Luther. He also compared the so-called peace marches to the Reformation of the first Protestant Church. We attend a Lutheran Church which is affiliated with the United Lutheran Church of America.

I would be extremely grateful if you could give me a reply.

Sincerely,

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Dear [REDACTED]

I very much appreciate your kind sentiment and complimentary remarks relative to my administration of this Bureau in your letter of April 21st.

At a press conference on November 18, 1964, I made the statement that Martin Luther King was the most notorious liar in the country. I did so because he had grossly distorted the facts concerning our Special Agents handling civil rights investigations in the South. I am unable to answer your other questions about him as information in the files of the FBI must be maintained as confidential in accordance with regulations of the Department of Justice.

You may desire to write your Congressman for any assistance he can afford you regarding any congressional investigations or reports.

Sincerely yours,

J. Edgar Hoover

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NOTE: Bufiles disclose [REDACTED] has written in past expressing concern for the communist threat. He was furnished printed material on 8/31/65. On 9/26/66 he was given a Miss Gandy reply which appeared appropriate in view of the controversial nature of his letter and his extreme anti-communist views.

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April 21, 1969

Director J. Edgar Hoover  
Federal Bureau of Investigation  
Washington, D. C.

Dear Mr. Hoover:

In our local newspaper, the DAILY REPORT, circulation over 50,000 there has been quite a controversy lately about Rev. Martin Luther King. As you are probably aware, there was a move here in the state legislature to have April 4 declared Martin Luther King Day, but the move was blocked by two legislators who are members of the John Birch Society.

Some feel that Dr. King should be rated with Washington, Carver and Lincoln; others are not so sure. About two years ago I read a statement alleged to have been made by you that, "Dr. King is the biggest liar in the United States." The story continued that Dr. King, when next in Washington, made it a point to call on you in person. However, after the interview he had no statements to make to the press. Is this story true?

I feel that it is important to know just where Rev. King stood in morals and patriotism, as touching on his fidelity to God, his nation and his wife. If there is a story in it, for good or bad, I would like to write it for my local newspaper, and also for wider circulation, as in a magazine article.

Can you help me in this matter, with a statement from your Bureau? Are there Congressional investigations or reports, or other references that you could pass on to me? Your cooperation will be greatly appreciated. We do appreciate too your faithfulness and dedication to our country across these many years, and your Christian testimony for church and God.

Yours very sincerely,

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The Washington Merry-Go-Round

## Wiretap Column Sparks Charges

By Drew Pearson

and J. Anderson

Sen. Robert F. Kennedy, speaking in California, has charged the Administration with invading our column which revealed that he had ordered the FBI to tap the telephone wire of Dr. Martin Luther King. The column was timed, it was charged, to do influence the Oregon primary.

Instead of ignoring the wiretap column, however, the Administration was so upset over its publication that the Justice Department started an official investigation of Pearson and Anderson.

Sen. Kennedy's answer, incidentally, should have been directed to the question of whether the story was true, not why the story was written.

He knew that we had been reporting on wiretapping and eavesdropping for some years, because he had talked with us about it, especially the series of columns reporting on the FBI tap on lobbyist Fred Black when Kennedy was Attorney General.

There was one error in the column complained about. It indicated that the tap was continued on Dr. King's wire, up until the time of his assassination.

That was incorrect. It was removed in June, 1965, when President Johnson issued an order to all federal agencies suspending all wiretapping and eavesdropping until there had been a review

of the entire situation. Johnson and his new Attorney General, Ramsey Clark, had discovered wholesale Government eavesdropping, including the tap on Dr. King, and they ordered it stopped.

The King wiretap had been requested by Attorney General Kennedy on July 16, 1963, but the FBI at that time argued him out of it on the ground that Dr. King traveled too much and that repercussions in Negro circles would be bad. Later, in October of 1963, Kennedy prevailed and the tap was placed on Dr. King's telephone.

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Meanwhile, Rep. Joseph Resnick (D-N.Y.) asked the House of Representatives last week to investigate the case of Dr. King's wiretap. Three other Congressmen supported him—Neal Smith (Iowa), Charles Joelson (N.J.), Joseph Vigorito (Pa.) and Claude Pepper (Fla.), all Democrats.

"The fact that a high-ranking official—a member of the President's Cabinet—legally could and actually would order the FBI to bug the telephone of a distinguished American like Dr. King is an affront to the causes to which Dr. King dedicated his life," Resnick said.

"If Martin Luther King's home can be tapped—for no apparent reason—by order of one of the highest officials of Government—and a professed

champion of the liberals—then nobody is safe."

Referring to Bobby Kennedy's lame reply to the King wiretap charges, made through a spokesman, Resnick said: "The American people can hardly consider this 'response by proxy' an adequate one. I suggest a hearing under oath . . . No American wants 'Big Brother' looking over his shoulder, peeping through his keyhole, or listening in on his telephone."

Backing him up, Rep. Joelson pointed out that when he was a district attorney in New Jersey he had to satisfy a judge very carefully before he could issue a search warrant.

"This is a very sensitive area," Joelson said, "and an Attorney General of either political party is subject to political influences. If an Attorney General can tap a wire without any court order, merely on his own say-so, then the right of privacy in this country is gone."

### FBI Techniques

This column has now obtained a copy of a secret FBI manual on the placing of secret microphones. The instructions are most revealing, and tacitly admit that listening devices must be installed by illegal entry and trespass. The FBI instructions follow:

"Most microphone installations must be effected surreptitiously, making the installation of a microphone in an

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ideal location virtually impossible. This results in microphones frequently being placed some distance from the source of sound. If it is not possible to place the diaphragm of the microphone in close proximity to the area that must be covered, an acoustical impedance matching device should be installed . . . wires must be strung from the microphone to the amplifier to carry the minute electrical impulses . . .

The FBI also lists in great detail the best places to hide microphones as follows; behind baseboards; behind power outlets and electrical fixtures; ventilating and heating ducts (to be effective must be concealed so that flow of air will not strike or affect microphone); behind radiators, avoid intense heat; adjacent to service pipes; behind walls (place microphone as near surface of wall inside room as security and time permits); in heavy and seldom-moved furniture; in dummy telephones; in ornamental and large base lamps; in large and seldom-used books; in calendar pads; in picture frames; in doors, locks, door knobs, etc.; in radio, television and intercommunication sets.

"Existing facilities such as telephones, public address systems, intercommunication stations, and speakers in radio and television sets may also be used to perform the microphone function."

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New Haven, Indiana 46774

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United States Department of Justice  
Federal Bureau of Investigation  
Washington 25, D.C.

Dear Mr. Hoover:

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I would be very grateful if your department would send me a list of the sixty Communist Front Organizations Martin Luther King belonged to or accepted support from. *P*

I have an opportunity to read them on a radio program and I want to be sure of my statements.

I wrote to the Joint Committee on Un-American Activities of the Louisiana Legislature and they sent me the pamphlet "Church League of America" It gives detailed information on King But I am unable to name the sixty organizations from it.

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Sincerely yours,

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TO : Mr. Bishop

FROM : M. A. Jones

SUBJECT: MARTIN LUTHER KING'S BIRTHDAY

## BACKGROUND:

Today, March 18th, Congressman John M. Ashbrook (R-Ohio) who is a member of the House Committee on Internal Security advised Mr. DeLoach that 30 bills have been introduced into Congress to declare a holiday on Martin Luther King's birthday, January 15th. Ashbrook further advised that a bill concerning this matter will soon be voted out of the Subcommittee on the Judiciary. In this connection he advised that Congressman Charles E. Wiggins (R-California) and Byron G. Rogers (D-Colorado), members of the Subcommittee, will be contacting the Bureau in the near future to request an "off the record" briefing concerning King. They are in a position to keep any such bill from being reported out of committee--if, as stated by Congressman Ashbrook, they realize that King was a scoundrel.

### Byron G. Rogers

Rogers was born in Texas in 1900. He was U.S. Attorney for the District of Colorado 1934-36, and thereafter was Attorney General of the State of Colorado. He was elected to the 82nd Congress in 1950 and has been re-elected to subsequent Congresses.

The Bureau investigated Rogers in 1933 and 1934 in connection with his appointment as U.S. Attorney for the District of Colorado and the investigation was favorable. We have had cordial relations with him since he has been in Congress.

### Charles E. Wiggins

Wiggins is from El Monte, California, and was elected to Congress in 1966. We have had cordial relations with him and he met the Director and had a picture taken on 6/26/68. On 12/9/68 Wiggins presented a plaque to the Director in behalf of Rosemead, California, and he was cordially thanked.

- 1 - Mr. DeLoach
- 1 - Mr. Bishop
- 1 - Mr. Sullivan
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- 1 - Mr. Gale
- 1 - Mr. Callahan

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M. A. Jones to Mr. Bishop memo  
RE: MARTIN LUTHER KING'S BIRTHDAY

RECOMMENDATION:

That if and when Congressmen Wiggins and Rogers contact the Bureau that they be invited in for a confidential briefing concerning Martin Luther King. They will be referred to public source newspaper articles if they desire to have any material for usage.

As of 4/21/69  
no contact made  
by Wiggins or  
Rogers  
JTB

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This is a delicate matter -  
but can be handled very  
cautiously -

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I agree. It must be handled  
very cautiously.



REC 54 100-106670-3585

April 17, 1969

[REDACTED]  
Centerville, Ohio 45459

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Dear [REDACTED]

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Your letter was received on April 14th and I would like to thank you for the expression of confidence. I was pleased to learn you have read my book, "Masters of Deceit."

In reply to your inquiry, information in our files must be maintained as confidential in accordance with regulations of the Department of Justice. I am, however, enclosing a portion of the "Congressional Record" for May 16, 1968, which may contain the data to which you refer. You will note that no FBI personnel were responsible for this material being inserted in this publication. With regard to the alleged communist activities of Martin Luther King, whether substantiated or not, they cannot be released for reasons cited above. I regret I cannot be of further help to you in this instance.

Sincerely yours,

J. Edgar Hoover

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Centerville, Ohio

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April 10, 1969

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Portage, Wisconsin 53901

Dear [REDACTED]

Your letter, with enclosure, concerning the activities of Martin Luther King was received on April 7th. While I certainly wish it were possible to be of assistance to you, information contained in our files must be maintained as confidential in accordance with regulations of the Department of Justice. I regret I am unable to furnish the data you are seeking.

Sincerely yours,

J. Edgar Hoover

NOTE: Bufiles contain no information identifiable with correspondent. The enclosure is a pamphlet on communist subversion by the late Matt Cvetic, who has been well known to the Bureau.

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And To Be Better Informed Is To Be Better Armed.

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I'm sick and tired of hearing what a great man he was and I'm sick of this blasphemy against

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God help us if  
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Please reply

Sincerely

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I write this in  
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I await your  
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I have facts, pictures and  
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**SOVIET SPIES IN AMERICA!**  
**A COUNTERSPY'S VIEWS on Communist**  
Subversion — By Matt Cvetic

Twenty years ago this month my phone rang in the Pittsburgh office of the United States Employment Service, where my job was to interview applicants for work in the vital coal, electric and steel industries.

While in the course of a busy day's work I received many phone calls, there was something different about this particular call. It came from a Special Agent of the Federal Bureau of Investigation. That evening we met and talked, and as a result of our discussions, I took a step which placed me right in the heart of the Communist conspiracy. I became a Communist for the FBI.

When I became a trusted member of the Red conspiracy, I was permitted to attend secret meetings with Red spies from Russia and her satellite countries. This, of course, did not happen until the Communists were certain they could depend on me to betray my own country. These furtive meetings often consisted of 15 to 20 Reds, most of whom were schooled in Moscow or other spy-training centers. These scheming conspirators were busy infiltrating all sections of American activity — government agencies, shipping, communications, farm organizations, trade unions, educational institutions, church groups and so on. Communist concentration areas included New York, Washington, Pittsburgh, Chicago, Detroit, Hollywood, the West Coast, the Farm Belt and the South.

Few Americans are aware that the Kremlin has set up in the United States actual Commissions of Commisars, which in their methods of operation are comparable to those operating in the Soviet Union. These Red Commissions or Bureaus are broken down as follows: Clerical Commission (to infiltrate churches and church groups), Trade Union, Legal,

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Educational, Governmental, and so on. Their function within present-day American society is much like that of termites, stealthily eating away the framework.

During the nine years I posed as a Red, every Soviet Agent with whom I came in contact, in my supposed conspiratorial Red mission, functioned from the Red embassies and consulates, and from the Communist staffs of the United Nations. Others operated in Communist Red Cross and Relief Missions travelling in this country, industrial and agricultural missions, student exchanges and scientific expeditions, Soviet dance groups; in fact, in every legal channel which we, under the guise of "good diplomacy" foolishly opened to these murderous conspirators.

In addition, today literally thousands of additional notorious Soviet Agents and secret American Reds are functioning in what are commonly called Communist Front Organizations. These Commie organizations usually have an assortment of non-Communists fronting for them, to give them the respectable base they so desperately need. Whatever excuse those who front for these Red conspiratorial groups may give, it stands as a matter of record that they are aiding and abetting a conspiracy whose sole aim is to destroy our nation, take away our freedom, murder millions of our citizens, and put the rest into total slavery. **ACCORDING TO OUR AMERICAN CONSTITUTION, THIS IS TREASON!**

Khrushchev and his co-conspiring American Reds know one thing well. Would that some Americans understood it only half as well. That is, without the diplomatic immunity which the Reds enjoy in this country; without the respectability handed them by witting and unwitting American dupes who front for them; without the pseudo-legality with which the Reds are endowed by some of our jurists and lawyers, *the Red attempt to overthrow the United States would wither and die.*

The work of the Communists has been made doubly easy through several factors.

One, — lack of adequate legislation. Politically opposed agents, their aiders and abettors. Politically opposed spineless congressmen have failed to provide our nation with this protective legislation.

Two, — because of the immunity the Reds enjoy, result of the diplomatic recognition we so foolishly extended to them in 1933.

Three, — due to the greed of some American business men, bankers, and industrialists, who would do anything for gold, including "selling our own nation down the river". It is beyond their comprehension that by trading with the Reds, they are greedily sowing the seeds of their own destruction.

Four, — because of the general apathy and complacency of the average American, an apathy which is fed behind the scenes by secret Red agents, self-seeking phony liberals, and an assortment of nimblewits and do-gooders who play right into the hands of the Reds.

What can we Americans do to crush this Red plot to destroy us?

My conclusions, drawn after nine years of work within the framework of the Communist conspiracy, and twenty years of deep study in the Reds' conspiratorial methods and techniques are:

1. Americans must demand that the incoming President and Congress adopt a firm, unwavering, and uncompromising stand against International Communism; that the Executive, Legislative and Judicial branches of our government deal with Communism as a conspiracy against our nation, our people, and our Constitution.

2. We need adequate laws NOW, not when it's too late, which would punish conspiracy, sedition, and treason, in peacetime — as well as in time of war.

3. Doors now open to Red spies and conspirators.

be closed by the severance of diplomatic relations with Soviet Russia and her satellites. Communist countries should be tossed out of the United Nations.

4. We must support wholeheartedly our FBI, the Senate Committee on Internal Security, the House Committee on un-American Activities, and all government agencies which help combat the Reds. These vital agencies must be strengthened, and their scope of activities expanded.

5. Reds, Red Fronters and Communist sympathizers must be expelled from our churches, schools, trade unions, farm organizations, wherever they may be found — and the sooner the better. Anyone who aids, abets, and or defends Communism or Communists is betraying every single one of us.

6. We must begin the fight against Communism in our homes, schools and churches. We must acquaint ourselves, our children and our neighbors with the true menace of Communism. We must let truth be our guiding light, and as our Lord so aptly said: "KNOW THE TRUTH, AND THE TRUTH SHALL SET YOU FREE."

**-Christian Crusade Magazine, Tulsa, Okla.**

Don't let this tract die. Pass it on and send for more. All tracts free as the Lord provides the means.

**GOSPEL TRACT SOCIETY**

2302 Blue Ridge Blvd.  
Kansas City 29, Missouri

April 14, 1969

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Santa Barbara, California 93105

Dear [REDACTED]

I received your letter, with enclosure, on April 10th and want to thank you for your kind remarks.

In reply to your inquiries, information concerning the alleged communist affiliations of Martin Luther King, whether substantiated or not, cannot be released because of a Department of Justice order regarding all matters of a confidential nature. I regret I am unable to be of help in this instance.

Sincerely yours,

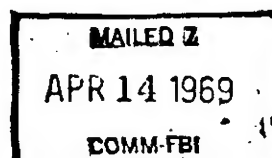
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NOTE: Bufiles contain no record of correspondent. The enclosure is a postcard advertising a talk to be made by Mrs. Julia Brown at San Jose and Oakland, California. It shows a picture identified as Martin Luther King and others attending the Highlander Folk School" (for communist training), "Monteagle, Tennessee, during 1957.

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April 5, 1969

Mr. J. Edgar Hoover  
Director of the F. B. I.  
Washington D. C.

Dear Mr. Hoover:

The recent publicity given to honoring the Black Martin Luther King brings up the alleged communist activity he may have participated in as shown on the enclosed card.

Please advise me whether or not these accusations are true.

Will you please accept my heartfelt thanks for the magnificent service you are giving our country?

Sincerely,

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On the right is MRS. JULIA BROWN, a Negro, and former F.B.I. Undercover  
Operative for over 9 years in communist "civil rights" activities. She tells about  
her experiences, revealing the RED DECEPTION behind the present fomentation  
of civil turmoil in America. Hear her at Civic Auditorium in San Jose, Monday  
Aug. 23, or at Leamington Hotel in Oakland on Thursday Aug. 26. BOTH 8 P.M.  
Admissions at Door; \$1.50 Adult; \$.50 with Student I.D. If you miss her personal  
appearances, talk available on tape. For complete documentation send 10¢ for  
"VIOLENCE or REASON?" Address: AMERICANS FOR CIVIL HARMONY  
Box 6161 - San Jose, Calif. 95150



Martin Luther King at  
a Training School for Communists

(see other side for documentation)



The group picture on the other side was made at the Highlander Folk School (for communist training), Monteagle, Tennessee, during the Labor Day weekend of 1957. This school was later abolished by an act of the Legislature of the State of Tennessee. Attentive pupils identified by the numbers:

1. MARTIN LUTHER KING, Jr., President of the Southern Christian Leadership Conference (SCLC). (1 & 2)
2. ABNER W. BERRY, of the Central Committee of the Communist Party.
3. AUBREY WILLIAMS, President of the Southern Conference Education Fund (SCEF), Communist front. (2)
4. MYLES HORTON, Director of the Highlander Folk School, aided by top communist Don West. (3)

- (1) "I further swear and attest that... one Reverend Martin Luther King was always set forth as the individual to whom Communists should look and rally around in the Communist struggle on the many racial issues." — Sworn affidavit by FBI undercover agent Karl Prussion — Sept. 28, 1963.
- (2) "The Committee finds that SCLC and SNCC are substantially under control of the Communist Party through the influence of the Southern Conference Education Fund (SCEF) and the Communists who manage it."
- "Activities of SCEF, Inc. in Louisiana", report of Joint Legislative Committee on Un-American Activities, State of Louisiana, April 13, 1964, p. 126.
- (3) "Testimony of Paul Crouch" U.S. HCUA Report May 6, 1949, pp. 191-193. Crouch was top communist party official in the South.

Help carry this vital message, 100 cards postpaid \$1.04.  
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MEMORIES SPAN A CENTURY

HON. G. ELLIOTT HAGAN

OF GEORGIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, June 16, 1969

Mr. HAGAN. Mr. Speaker, I want to call to the attention of my colleagues an article that appeared in the Waynesboro, Ga., newspaper, the True Citizen, on June 11 regarding a lady who celebrated her 99th birthday, Mrs. Mary Savannah Barrett Cohen.

Although there is no doubt that having reached one's 99th year would be reason enough to be the subject of much thought and prose, in my case I feel especially fortunate to have a grand lady of this caliber residing in the First District of Georgia. Mrs. Cohen's senior years seem to enhance her charms, her keen interest in things happening around her, and her delight in reflecting back over her years from childhood to adulthood and remembering the vast changes in her hometowns of Waynesboro and Augusta.

I am indeed proud to be able to call Mrs. Cohen a neighbor and constituent, and I certainly hope that she will enjoy her 99th year in the same spirit and with the same zest for living as she has exhibited in all the wonderful years past.

The article follows:

HER MEMORIES SPAN A CENTURY

(By Joyce Odom)

Mary Savannah Barrett Cohen was 99 years old last week.

That in itself is a remarkable thing, but Mrs. Cohen reads three newspapers every day, can remember the ages of her great-grandchildren and writes letters in a graceful, flowing hand.

Bright blue eyes sparkle when she talks about her memories which span a century. She's confined to a wheelchair now at Keyville Nursing Home, and for the first time in her life is a bit less than completely independent.

She was born in Augusta June 2, 1870, and spent her early years in Waynesboro in a house where a service station is now on the town's main street, Liberty.

She remembers that during her childhood her father, Jim Barrett, and an uncle bought "an old broken down paper mill in Bath, S.C., that you had to get to uphill through sand beds." Mrs. Cohen said the mill first made paper from rags which came baled up and in all colors. Workers had to pick out the white ones to use for paper. Then "a man from Massachusetts" came and taught the Barretts to make paper from wood. "Papa took us down to the mill and we watched them grind up the wood; it looked like mush."

"I know they sold the paper made from wood to some newspapers to print on, but they must not have got much for it because the mill went broke," she laughed.

The family also had a plantation here where they planted indigo. She remembers an overseer named Hodges who had a peg leg.

The family moved to Augusta when "Vannah," as she was always called, was seven and lived in a house on Carnes Road, now 15th Street. Her father was "in the cotton business." She lived there until she married Russell Cohen, the son of John J. Cohen of Augusta. Her children were born and went through elementary school in Augusta (a son, Russell, 75, who lives in Waynesboro, and a daughter who died 25 years ago).

The family lived in Nashville, Tenn., while Mrs. Cohen's son Russell attended Vanderbilt and became a football star there. After the children were grown, Mr. and Mrs. Cohen moved back to Augusta, and finally back to Waynesboro.

Mr. Cohen died 20 years ago, and since that time until just a few months ago, Mrs. Cohen has lived alone, driven her own car, cooked her meals and kept house. "I'm not sick or anything now. I just can't walk," she said. She fell and broke her leg recently.

Mrs. Cohen remembers Waynesboro when the downtown area consisted of one block of stores, the streets and sidewalks were unpaved and "every grocery store sold liquor."

"Young girls were not allowed to go to town on Saturday night," she said. Most of the stores were just shanties, she said, with the exception of those owned by the Pulchers and the Grays.

In answer to the inevitable question asked the very old, Mrs. Cohen said, in her honest, straightforward way, "I don't know why I've lived so long; my family members usually don't, but I did have an aunt who lived until she was 90."

She sees well and reads everything she can get her hands on including the Atlanta and Augusta daily newspapers and The True Citizen.

Mrs. Cohen's mother, Sophie Settagast, came from Germany and took her children there when "Vannah" was nine for a ten months visit. "Mama wanted us to learn to speak German, but we used to tell her, 'Nobody talks like that!'"

Mary Savannah Barrett Cohen has a fond memory of Augusta which she especially likes to tell about: She remembers riding horseback to a drug store on Broad Street, in the now-traffic-jammed metropolis.

MARTIN LUTHER KING—THE  
TRUTH CAN NO LONGER BE  
HIDDEN

HON. JOHN R. RARICK

OF LOUISIANA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, June 16, 1969

Mr. RARICK. Mr. Speaker, for the fourth time in 14 days I rise to call on the administration to make public information in its possession concerning the illegal, immoral, and subversive activities of the late Martin Luther King.

This information is known to exist. Some of it has already been destroyed.

Unless prompt action is taken, I have reason to believe that more will be destroyed or concealed.

The appropriate committees of the Congress should be given immediate access to what is left of these files before the whitewash is complete.

King's apologists no longer bother to deny his involvement—his close, continued cooperation—with well-known leaders of the Communist conspiracy, both here and abroad.

The American people have learned, a little at a time, of his close association with such identified subversives as Abner W. Berry, Myles Horton, James Dombrowski, Bayard Rustin, Jack H. O'Dell, Carl and Anne Braden, Herbert Aptheker, Elizabeth Gurley Flynn, Gus Hall, Dorothy Ray Healy, Mike Zagarell, John Abt, Daniel Rubin, and Arnold Johnson,

all functionaries and officials of the Communist Party and all close "advisors," "aides," and "assistants" of King.

The close ties between King and such latter-day subversives as James and Dianne Bevel, Stokeley Carmichael, Paul Booth, John Hulett, James Forman, Rap Brown, Jerry Rubin, Fred Shuttlesworth, and Michael Wood are no longer denied. King's close association with known sex perverts Bayard Rustin and Ralph Abernathy is not even denied by his frantic defenders.

These facts are now too well known to the American people. The truth will not go away.

Instead, following the adage that the best defense is a good offense, the left has launched a vitriolic attack on the FBI in general and on J. Edgar Hoover in particular.

Mr. Hoover's monumental record of a lifetime of devoted service to his country needs no defense. History will recall him as one of the great Americans of all time. His meticulous care in the protection of the privacy of the individual while conducting the investigations vital to the security of the community has charted a course which is an invaluable addition to our way of life.

Americans, armed with the facts, have no trouble deciding the question of credibility between this man and his detractors. The latest coyote to join the yapping is Carl T. Rowan, whose column published in the Washington Star yesterday, I insert it at this point in my remarks:

IT IS TIME FOR J. EDGAR HOOVER TO GO

(By Carl T. Rowan)

A society is never in more peril than when the people lose the ability to identify a genuine threat to personal liberty.

This society is in a lot of peril if we may judge from the public reaction—or lack of it—to courtroom admissions of a variety of illegal FBI wiretaps and buggings of homes and hotel rooms.

A justice department official acknowledged in Federal District Court that Dr. Martin Luther King was under electronic surveillance in 1964 and 1965, and the FBI agent who supervised this surveillance told the court "it was my understanding that it went on after that."

The whole truth is that Dr. King's phones were tapped, his hotel rooms bugged, and he was personally shadowed right up to the time he was slain in Memphis on April 4, 1968.

Another FBI agent, C. Barry Pickett, told the court in Houston, Texas, that for four solid years he had listened eight hours a day, five days a week to the conversations of Elijah Muhammad, leader of the Black Muslims. Pickett employed both a telephone wiretap and a microphone planted in Muhammad's home.

These cases of electronic eavesdropping, which violate both federal law and a presidential executive order, were disclosed in a hearing on former heavyweight boxing champion Cassius Clay's effort to overturn a five-year prison sentence for his refusal to be drafted.

These buggings, which caught some Clay conversations in their "net," are but a fraction of the illegal wiretaps that have moved this country far closer to a police state than most Americans realize.

Why the bland, indifferent reaction on the part of most Americans?



First, there is the general FBI justification for such tactics: "national security."

Former Attorney General Ramsey Clark, who states emphatically that the FBI had no authority to wiretap or bug Dr. King, asserts that "the implication that people thought Dr. King was a security threat is outrageous."

Still, that term "National security" is more powerful than "motherhood," for it evokes fear, and men still surrender more things—including liberty—out of fear than they do out of love.

The puzzling thing about Clark's statement is that he acts as though he is surprised to hear of the wiretapping and bugging of Dr. King. Could Clark possibly have been unaware that FBI officials were going behind congressional committees and partly justifying larger appropriations by titillating some congressmen and feeding anti-King ammunition to Southerners who despised the civil rights leader—all by way of revealing "truths" picked up through the wiretaps and buggings?

Was Clark unaware that certain FBI officials were roaming the country leaking to newspaper editors poisonous stories about Dr. King and what the buggings allegedly had revealed?

Everybody else in Washington of any consequence knew it, and many deplored it, but no one seemed to know how to go about making the FBI bend to the laws of the land.

There is a not-too-flippant assumption in Washington that J. Edgar Hoover has been FBI director for 45 years because all the recent Presidents have assumed that he knew too much about them to be replaced. So not only was he not replaced by any of the younger, very able FBI men in the normal course of things, but Presidents Johnson and Nixon have felt it wise or expedient to waive a law saying Hoover has reached the rocking-chair age.

Hoover ought to be replaced as FBI director—immediately.

As Washington agency heads go, Hoover may have done a better job than most. But the people of this country knew something when they limited the time one man might serve in the presidency. The saw personal fiefdoms as inimical to the democracy, the personal freedom, that we have come to cherish.

If it is dangerous to have one man serve three full terms as President, it is far more dangerous to have one man take lifetime possession of a powerful police-investigative agency that prods into the deepest secrets of the most prominent, most honored citizens and has the power to discredit, even destroy, almost anyone. The kind of abuse of and contempt for the law manifest in the King and Muhammad eavesdropping become almost inevitable when a man is left in a key job as long as Hoover has been.

Were Hoover a more thoughtful man, or as concerned about the preservation of democracy and liberty as his speeches suggest, he would have resigned long ago. He would not keep putting Presidents in the political bind of deciding to keep him or ease him out.

It is clear Hoover has no intention of resigning. So when does the President muster the courage to say: "Well done, thou good and faithful servant. Goodbye?"

Mr. Speaker, this column sheds little light on King, except to suggest that which cannot be denied—much is known about his unsavory character and conduct. Rowan's intemperate attack on security surveillance and his personal attack on J. Edgar Hoover shed a great deal of light on the author and the clouding operation, however. Over the past 30 years the Communist Party had conducted the same attack Rowan has paraphrased without apology the party line. For comparison with his attack today, I

insert at this point in my remarks a summary of this Communist Party line, according to its official organs, prepared and released by a committee of this House nearly 20 years ago:

#### REPORT ON THE NATIONAL LAWYERS GUILD: LEGAL BULWARK OF THE COMMUNIST PARTY

(Prepared and released by the Committee on Un-American Activities, U.S. House of Representatives, Washington, D.C., September 17, 1950)

#### 5. FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Investigate the Federal Bureau of Investigation because of "vicious assaults upon civil liberties." Editorial, *(Daily Worker)*, March 13, 1940, p. 6).

An article in the *Daily Worker* indicated that the FBI had gone beyond the scope of its authority in conducting general intelligence investigations. Reference was made to the increase in the FBI's appropriation over a period of years, and it was alleged that because of its Director's "absorbing interest in investigating alleged subversive activities" the FBI was falling behind in its regular job of dealing with other types of specific Federal violations. (*Daily Worker*, March 25, 1940).

The Nazi Gestapo is Hoover's Model of Conduct for FBI. (*Daily Worker*, December 19, 1940, p. 5, columns 5, 6, and 7).

Federal Bureau of Investigation Director J. Edgar Hoover was referred to as "Chief of the national thought police . . ." (Editorial, *Political Affairs*, January 1948, p. 10).

It seems that the FBI . . . is worried that the American people may get wise to its real function—which is thought control on the Gestapo and Japanese police model. (Editorial, *The Worker*, June 6, 1948, p. 6).

The FBI and the Department of Justice have developed into a secret political police which exists outside the law and beyond the U.S. Constitution. . . . An aroused nation must stop the FBI effort to replace the American Constitution by the reign of the political spy. (Editorial, *Daily Worker*, June 13, 1949, p. 7).

Continuation of . . . protests can turn the rumors about J. Edgar Hoover's resignation into actual and heartening fact. (Editorial, *Daily People's World*, June 16, 1949, p. 6).

The FBI's "undercover network" is a menace to the internal security of the nation . . . The American people must rid the nation of this "undercover network," which serves not the nation but a class, the minority of the financial-industrial cliques. The Bill of Rights and the FBI's "undercover network" are incompatible. One or the other must go. We have no doubt which the people will choose. (Editorial, *Daily Worker*, June 21, 1949, p. 8).

Surely the American people must see the FBI with new eyes today. The time has come to investigate its methods, its scandal-mongering lists, its blackmailing data, its misuse of public funds, its usurpation of power, its tentacles gripping all parts of our country and its people. (*Daily Worker*, p. 10, June 29, 1949, written by Elizabeth Gurley Flynn).

Mr. Speaker, to make an intelligent judgment as to the credibility of two men whose testimony conflicts, it is necessary to know something of each of the men and of their motivation.

Although J. Edgar Hoover, who called Martin Luther King "one of the most notorious liars in the country" is well known to our colleagues, and his accomplishments are known and respected throughout the world, it is otherwise with Carl T. Rowan who attacks him.

At this point in my remarks, I insert from the recently published *Biographical Dictionary of the Left*, by eminent his-

torian Dr. Francis X. Gannon, the most recent biographical sketch of Rowan:

#### BIOGRAPHICAL DICTIONARY OF THE LEFT (By Francis X. Gannon)

Carl Rowan was born on August 11, 1925 in Ravenscroft, Tennessee, son of Johnnie Bradford and Thomas Rowan. He married Vivien Murphy. He attended Tennessee State University and Washburn College. He is an alumnus of Oberlin College (A.B., 1947) and the University of Minnesota (M.A., 1948). He is the author of *South of Freedom* (1953), *The Pitiful and the Proud* (1956), *Go South to Sorrow* (1957), *Wait till Next Year* (1960), and *No Need for Hunger* (1962).

From 1948 until 1961, Rowan was with the *Minneapolis Tribune* as a copywriter (1948-1950) and as a staff writer (1950-1961).

From 1961 until 1963, Rowan was a deputy assistant secretary of state for public affairs. In that position, he was used as a speech writer and traveling companion for Vice President Lyndon B. Johnson. His major achievement for the State Department, however, was to serve as the Kennedy Administration's efficient hatchetman against Moise Tshombe of the Congo's Katanga Province. When Tshombe's anti-Communist regime seceded from the rest of the chaotic Congo, Rowan branded Tshombe as an "international Uncle Tom" who was nothing more than a hand-picked stooge for Belgian businessmen.

In 1963 and 1964, Rowan was U.S. Ambassador to Finland. In 1964 and 1965, he was Edward R. Murrow's successor as director of the United States Information Agency. While in that position, he travelled to Europe, promoting Lyndon Johnson's "bridge building" between the United States and the Communist bloc of eastern Europe. He went out of his way to assure Communist leaders that the United States government had placed its permanent seal of approval on Europe's Communist regimes. To an audience in Belgrade, Yugoslavia, Rowan said that Americans were acutely aware of revolutionary changes sweeping the world. He elaborated: "We emphasize that we believe in change because we were born of it, we have lived by it, we prospered and grew great by it. So the status quo has never been our god and we ask no one else to bow down before it."

In 1965, Rowan resigned his directorship and became a columnist for the *Chicago Daily News* and *Publishers Newspaper Syndicate*. He is also a regular contributor to *Reader's Digest* magazine and a radio and television commentator for the Westinghouse Broadcasting System.

Throughout his several careers, Rowan has demonstrated that he is a liberal and has been recognized as such by his peers. He has received the Sidney Hillman award for news reporting, the Contributions to American Democracy award from Roosevelt University, the Golden Ruler award from the Philadelphia Fellowship Commission, the Liberty Bell award from Howard University, the Communications Award in Human Relations from the Anti-Defamation League, and the National Brotherhood award from the National Conference of Christians and Jews. These tributes are almost invariably reserved for those who are actively promoting leftist-liberal causes.

When the Kennedy Dynasty discovered the value of Negroes' votes and began to place Negroes in high government positions, Rowan was one of the show pieces. In 1962, an application for membership to the famous Cosmos Club of Washington, D.C., was submitted on behalf of Rowan. The application was rejected. Within a few days, leading figures in the Kennedy Administration—many of them longtime members of the Cosmos Club—suddenly became color conscious and resigned their membership.

Alexander Jones, executive editor of the *San Francisco Chronicle*, rushed to the defense of the Cosmos Club officers: "I say this incident is a planned political effort in which the Kennedy forces are trying to make Negro capital, using Rowan as a sort of Freedom Rider on the National Capital on the club from."

"I have been a member of the fine old Cosmos Club for more than 20 years and I believe I can speak with some slight knowledge of how it operates."

"I say that there are people who think Carl Rowan is a bumptious, self-enamored and tasteless fellow."

"And that estimate completely discounts the color of his skin. He could be platinum blond and the people I am thinking about would still turn thumbs down on him."

"Many men have been blackballed in application for membership by the Cosmos Club committee, as they have in most private clubs."

"The only one I have ever heard of who ever made a public issue of it is this same Carl Rowan, who is giving every indication of becoming a professional racist."

Rowan has the normal prejudices of a modern liberal. He detests political conservatives and anti-Communist investigations. He is a staunch admirer of the United Nations and its Red hierarchy. He fancies himself an expert on foreign affairs but in reality he is no more than a parroting apologist for the appeasement-toward-Communism policy that has prevailed for so long in the White House and the State Department.

In 1966, Rowan was convinced, or at least let his readers think he was convinced, that the Soviet Union's leaders were trying very hard to effect a peaceful settlement of the Vietnam War.

Rowan has long championed the idea that the United States should make friendly overtures to Red China—something which would have been done a long time ago, he contends. If only the "purges and inquisitions of the late Sen. Joseph McCarthy" had not had a stifling effect on public debate of U.S. policy toward Red China. (When and where this alleged stifling took place, Rowan has never mentioned.)

One curious facet of Rowan's work remains unexplained. On radio and television and in his writings, he is a persistent and dedicated defender of the Central Intelligence Agency—so much so that it is not unreasonable to suspect that he is or has been a CIA agent.

### THE VALUE REVOLUTION

HON. DONALD W. RIEGLE, JR.

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, June 16, 1969

Mr. RIEGLE. Mr. Speaker, one of the most important tasks facing both the individual citizen and all levels of government is coming to grips with the problem of student unrest and campus disorder. We must go far beyond merely reacting to the outward manifestation of this problem, that is, with restoring order to a riot situation and punishing those who destroy property. It is more important that we understand the fundamental questions these students are asking about our value system and the direction in which our country is heading.

I have recently read an article by Stewart Udall, former Secretary of the Interior, which I think really gets to the heart of the transition we are in and to the underlying issues of the campus tur-

moll. Because I agree with Mr. Udall's perception of this value revolution and the need for channeling this concern in a constructive way, I insert Mr. Udall's remarks at this point in the Record:

[From the New York Times, June 7, 1969]

#### THE VALUE REVOLUTION

(By Stewart L. Udall)

There is a deepening awareness that today's domestic turbulence is in reality a fundamental questioning of the value system of American society.

The protest of the blacks against the personal affronts and indignities of daily life is also a more general protest against the false and frequently inhuman values of our total social system. The widespread student antagonism toward the standards of "the establishment" represents an even broader disagreement with conventional values.

#### SOCIAL RENEWAL

I believe this pervasive and pointed questioning of values may bring about a shift in those ideas and attitudes that ultimately shape the nation. In fact, we may already be engaged in the most vital sorting out of values since 1776. Even our search for the roots of failure at the time of the Depression was more a questioning of the workability of the economic system than a radical search for the elements of thorough-going social renewal.

Our contemporary turmoil concerns human relationships: between the privileged and the impoverished, between black and white, between parents and children.

If we honestly believe, as I do, that the present young generation is not only the best educated, but also the most aware and idealistic in our history, we must be responsive to its causes and complaints. The anger of the young blacks against the built-in inequalities and hypocrisies of "the system" legitimately challenges the moral basis of the old order.

If a large proportion of the superior university graduates turn their backs on corporate careerism, if many of our most creative minds are turned off by conventional opportunities, we should question the incentives and concepts that make the system go. For there is no doubt that the desire to be merely affluent is yielding to the impulse to live in an environment that is life-giving and creative.

If most of our cities and countrysides are increasingly unclean and ugly we should begin to reconsider the policies that have made them a disordered mess. If technology is to continue its thrust, then it must be influenced by social considerations and aspirations—in short, technology must be civilized.

The thing that appalls the new generation the most, I believe, is the waste endemic in American life: the waste of young talent; the waste of the contributions the unmelted minorities could make if we gave them a chance; the waste of the beauty and bounty of a magnificent continent. The student protest against the Vietnam policy was and is a moralistic protest against waste.

#### EXCESSES OF WAR

With the benefit of hindsight we now realize it is a judgment wiser than Washington's—a judgment that the lives and wealth expended were excessive and misdirected, and thus demeaned us before mankind.

We will always need in this country all the idealism we can get, particularly from our youth, for the idealist is more sensitive to crucial moral issues, more attuned to the nonmaterialistic opportunities. Who, indeed will pierce our old frauds and follies unless fresh minds question the habits and attitudes of the past?

The value revolution is upon us. It may transform our lives. Those preoccupied with the selfish scramble for easy wealth, un-

merited advantage and personal ease should become accustomed to the well-aimed arrows of those who have contempt for these aspects of American life.

The value doubters will continue to scorn our efforts to define the national well-being solely by Gross National Product, freight-car loadings, auto production, or the sufficiency of military preparedness. They wait to assess (and they are entitled to raise the issue) what that product is, what the freight cars contain, what the relevance of individual wheels is to our mass transportation needs, how humanism fits into what can never again be a simple logistical measure of preparedness.

The time has come to recognize the worth of the value revolution and to encourage it toward constructive channels. It can have a profound and beneficial influence on our future if it causes us to renew our lives, revise our institutions, and reassess our directions and purposes.

### JOINT COMMITTEE ON ATOMIC ENERGY MEMBERS SPEAK TO NATIONAL COAL ASSOCIATION

HON. CRAIG HOSMER

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, June 16, 1969

Mr. HOSMER. Mr. Speaker, Representative JOHN B. ANDERSON and myself had the pleasure of speaking this morning to the 52d anniversary convention of the National Coal Association. Our respective speeches follow:

#### NEEDED: A PEACE TREATY FOR THE ENERGY COMMUNITY

(Remarks by the Honorable JOHN B. ANDERSON, Member, Joint Committee on Atomic Energy, before the National Coal Association, Mayflower Hotel, Washington, D.C., June 16, 1969)

Good morning, ladies and gentlemen. I hope it isn't too early in the day to speak to you about a serious subject.

I refer to the increasing public opposition, not a little of it wholly unreasonable, to the construction of all electric power plants. The fact that the preponderance of this opposition has of late been concentrated on nuclear power plants should not be of comfort to you. There are those who have made efforts to trade upon the visceral public anxieties associated with the atom, and to a certain extent they have succeeded. But their temporary success, if you can call it that, has had cancerous effects. Unless these efforts are stopped, objective dialogue will give way to unrestrained charge and countercharge, with effects that are inimical to all in the power business. Portraying nuclear plants as bad and electric utility executives as irresponsible individuals intent upon destroying the wonders of nature impairs public confidence in the motivation and integrity of these men in a way that is harmful to more than nuclear power.

As a result, coal and other fossil-fueled plants, hydroelectric projects and pumped storage facilities also have encountered significant and growing public opposition. I regret to say that the situation will probably continue to deteriorate before it begins to improve.

It seems that what should be a genuine, legitimate and quite understandable concern about the effects on the environment of large power plants has been transformed in many instances into an insistence on pristine purity that refuse to recognize the need

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Dear [REDACTED]

Thank you for the kind comments in your letter of April 4th regarding my work and the activities of the FBI. I have no present thought of retiring, and it is my hope to remain in my current position as long as I can be of service to our Nation. I am enclosing an article from the March 11th edition of the "Congressional Record" which I hope will be of interest to you.

With respect to your request, I can assure you that no report has been released by this Bureau concerning alleged communist affiliations of Martin Luther King. Information of this nature, whether substantiated or not, cannot be released because of a Department of Justice order regarding all matters of a confidential nature.

Sincerely yours,

J. Edgar Hoover

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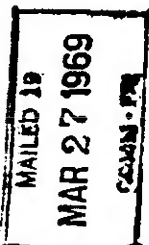
COMMEMORATION OF THE DEATH OF  
MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR., 4-4-69  
RACIAL MATTERS

Recently a resolution memorializing Martin Luther King, Jr., was defeated in the California legislature when a state senator depicted King as an associate of communists. Also the Southern Christian Leadership Conference is to launch a petition campaign on 4-4-69 to make January 15, King's birthday, a national legal holiday. These petitions are to be presented to Congress and the President in Washington, D.C., on 7-4-69.

Because of the emotion and controversy surrounding King and the activities commemorating his death, the activities mentioned above could trigger racial unrest and should be closely followed. The Bureau should be advised immediately concerning any efforts by city, county, or state governments to pass resolutions commemorating or honoring King and a letterhead memorandum should follow. The progress of the petition campaign should receive similar attention.

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March 25, 1969

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*Handwritten:* ~~John Doe~~  
*Handwritten:* J. Edgar

*Handwritten:* REC-102

Honorable Karl E. Mundt  
United States Senate  
Washington, D. C. 20510

My dear Senator:

I have received your letter of March 22nd enclosing a copy of a letter from [redacted] of b7(c) Oldham, South Dakota.

While I certainly wish it were possible to be of assistance, particularly in view of your interest, information concerning the alleged communist affiliations of Martin Luther King, whether substantiated or not, cannot be released because of a Department of Justice order regarding all matters of a confidential nature. For the same reason I cannot be of help to your constituent concerning the other individuals she mentioned.

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Sincerely yours,  
Edgar

NOTE: Senator Mundt is on the Special Correspondents List and known to the Director on a first-name basis. However, since this is a reply which may be furnished his constituent, the above salutation is being used. Bufiles contain no information identifiable with [redacted] b7(c)

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KARL E. MUNDT  
MADISON, SOUTH DAKOTA

R. L. McCAUGHEY  
ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT

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PRESS SECRETARY

ROBERT E. RUDDY  
LEGISLATIVE ASSISTANT

# United States Senate

WASHINGTON, D.C. 20510

March 22, 1969

MEMBER:

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6076

Honorable J. Edgar Hoover  
Director  
Federal Bureau of Investigation  
Department of Justice  
Washington, D.C.

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Dear Edgar:

I am enclosing a xerox copy of a letter which I  
have received from a constituent in South Dakota.

Any information which you can send along to me  
which I can relay to my constituent will be deeply appreciated.

With best wishes, I am

Cordially yours,

*Karl E. Mundt*

Karl E. Mundt  
U. S. Senator

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Enclosure

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Oldham, S. D.  
March 3, 1969

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Hon. Karl Mundt  
United States Senate  
Washington, D. C.

My dear Senator Mundt:

We have a few "religious" people in our Church and community who can do untold damage to a person or persons reputation.

So that we can state the facts, could you get for me information as to whether Martin Luther King (or his wife) were ever communists or sympathizers. Also, Dr. F. A. Schiotz, President of the American Lutheran church and Lutheran World Federation president. He has also been accused of same. He lives in Minneapolis or St. Paul.

I trust that you could get this information from the FBI or refer me to the proper person. We need not use your name in setting the record straight, but can say we have the information from the FBI. Surely they will accept their word. We ourselves have not believed these rumors, but want to speak with authority.

Sincerely,

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[REDACTED]  
Oldham, S. D. 57051  
[REDACTED]

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E. J. [REDACTED]

Oldham, S. D.  
March 3, 1969

Hon. Karl Mundt  
United States Senate  
Washington, D.C.

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Oldham, S. D. 57051

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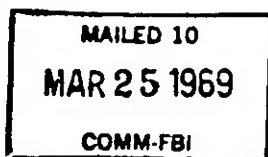
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Oakland, New Jersey 07436

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Dear 

In reply to the request in your letter of March 18th,  
the FBI has never made any statement to the effect that Martin  
Luther King was a communist. Information of this nature, whether  
substantiated or not, cannot be released because of a Department  
of Justice order regarding all matters of a confidential nature.

Sincerely yours,  
J. Edgar Hoover



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correspondent on basis of available data.

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- Other initials: *W*, *Gene*, *Am*

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New Jersey  
07436  
3-18-69

Federal Bureau of Investigation  
9th St. and Pennsylvania Ave.  
Washington, D. C.

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Dear Sirs:

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the late civil-rights leader Dr.  
Martin Luther King and his  
background. It seemed like  
the F.B.I. had investigated  
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associated with many Communist  
fronts cited by the government.

If this is so, I would like  
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CORRESPONDENT

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TO :

Mr. Bishop

DATE: 3/24/69

FROM :

M. Jones

SUBJECT:

"THE SENTINEL" NEWSPAPER  
WELLSTON, OHIO  
REQUEST FOR INFORMATION

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[REDACTED] captioned newspaper has written us requesting an answer to the following question submitted by a reader: "By what statute and by whose order and authority did the F. B. I. give protection to the late Rev. Martin Luther King?"

Correspondent indicated that the reply would be used in the "Sentry," a question and answer column of the newspaper.

Our Cincinnati Office has advised that "The Sentinel" is a five-day-a-week newspaper at 120 South Pennsylvania Avenue, Wellston, Ohio. It has a favorable reputation and is edited and published by Burt B. Mills, who along with four others (E. E. Davis, Oak Hill, Ohio; Evan Davis, Oak Hill, Ohio; Carl Dalberg, Wellston, Ohio; and Hudson Jeffreys, Ironton, Ohio) owns Southeastern Ohio Newspapers, Inc. All of these individuals have good reputations and have no derogatory references identifiable in Cincinnati files.

Bufiles contain no information identifiable with correspondent or newspaper owners [REDACTED]

Discreet inquiry by Cincinnati identified correspondent [REDACTED]

They reportedly enjoy good reputations.

RECOMMENDATION:

That the attached letter be approved and sent to [REDACTED]

Enclosure

- 1 - Mr. DeLoach - Enclosure
- 1 - Mr. Bishop - Enclosure

- 1 - Miss Gandy - Enclosure

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[REDACTED]

Wellston, Ohio 45092

6076

Dear [REDACTED]

Your letter of March 13th has been received  
and I appreciate the interest which prompted you to write.

In response to your reader's question, you  
may use the following reply in the "Sentry" column of your  
newspaper:

The FBI is an investigative, not a  
protective, agency. Personal protection for  
private citizens is ordinarily the responsibility  
of local law enforcement agencies or of private  
firms hired for that purpose. No assignment  
was ever given the FBI in the personal protec-  
tion of the late Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.

Sincerely yours,

J. Edgar Hoover

- 1 - Cincinnati - Enclosure
- 1 - Mr. DeLoach (detached)
- 1 - Mr. Bishop (detached)
- 1 - Miss Gandy (detached)

NOTE: See M. A. Jones to Bishop memo dated 3/24/69 captioned  
"The Sentinel" Newspaper, Wellston, Ohio, Request for Information."

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L. Jones  
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Federal Bureau of Investigation  
Washington, D. C.

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DATE 2-12-81 BY SP4 JN/ml  
6076

Dear Sir:

In our daily paper, The Sentinel, we have a column called the "Sentry", in which our readers may write in questions of interest to them. The following is one such question; "By what statute and by whose order and authority did the F. B. I. give protection to the late Rev. Martin Luther King?"

We would appreciate any information you could give us in order to answer this question. Thank you.

Respectfully,

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Wellston, Ohio 43692

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March 24, 1969

[REDACTED]

Greensboro, North Carolina 27403

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DATE 2-12-81 BY SP4JLM/ku

6076

Dear [REDACTED]

Thank you for the most generous comments in your letter of March 18th concerning my work and the activities of the FBI.

While I would like to be of assistance to you, information concerning the alleged communist affiliations of Martin Luther King, whether substantiated or not, cannot be released because of a Department of Justice order regarding all matters of a confidential nature. I regret I am unable to be of assistance in this instance.

I am enclosing some material relating to our work in the field of internal security which I hope you will find of interest.

Sincerely yours,

J. Edgar Hoover

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**Enclosures (2)**

Director's Testimony 2/23/68 re Communist, Racial and Hate Groups  
Director's Statement 9/18/68 before National Commission on the Causes and Prevention of Violence

NOTE: Bufiles contain no record of correspondent.

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| Mr. Tolson   | ✓ |
| Mr. DeLoach  | ✓ |
| Mr. Mohr     | ✓ |
| Mr. Bishop   | ✓ |
| Mr. Casper   | ✓ |
| Mr. Callahan | ✓ |
| Mr. Conrad   | ✓ |
| Mr. Felt     | ✓ |
| Mr. Gale     | ✓ |
| Mr. Rosen    | ✓ |
| Mr. Sullivan | ✓ |
| Mr. Tavel    | ✓ |
| Mr. Trotter  | ✓ |
| Tele. Room   | ✓ |
| Miss Holmes  | ✓ |
| Miss Gandy   | ✓ |

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Greensboro, N. C. 27403  
March 18, 1969

Mr. J. Edgar Hoover  
Federal Bureau of Investigation  
Washington, D. C.

Dear Mr. Hoover,

The boys and girls of my Sunday School class are studying race relations and the people of leadership involved with the effort being made to combine the races in our country. At one point in our discussion, Dr. Martin Luther King's name was raised in relation to the FBI in a negative sense. I am wondering if perhaps there was a report made public on Dr. King's association with the Communist Party that I did not see. So many rumors get started about people as controversial as Dr. King who are also in the public eye.

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In closing, let me say that I, as a taxpaying-citizen, am very pleased with our Federal Bureau of Investigation under your wise supervision. You are doing, and have done, a wonderful job for the people of our country, and I appreciate it.

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Cordially yours,

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Greensboro, N.C. 27403  
March 18, 1969

Mr. J. Edgar Hoover  
Federal Bureau of Investigation  
Washington, D.C.

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Cordially yours,

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[REDACTED]  
Greensboro, N.C. 27463

UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

# Memorandum

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TO : MR. DELOACH

DATE: 3/12/69

FROM : S. B. Donahoe *SDH*

cc Mr. DeLoach  
Mr. Sullivan

SUBJECT: REQUEST FROM WHITE HOUSE  
FOR INFORMATION  
RE MARTIN LUTHER KING; and  
FBI GUIDELINES FOR CLASSIFYING MAIL

Miss Gertrude Brown, at the White House,  
called at the request of Egil Krogh, to ask that we  
furnish to Mr. Krogh, today if possible, a summary of  
information available concerning MARTIN LUTHER KING.

She also asked for any information available  
as to the guidelines used by the FBI in classifying  
reports and correspondence.

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ADDENDUM, C. D. DE LOACH:

q Ehrlichman has already been sent a brief concerning this matter.  
If the Director agrees, I will tell Ehrlichman that there is a brief  
already available at the White House.

CDD:amr

*Tell Krogh already have it.*

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K. J. 3/12/69*

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## In Memory *A-101*

There are impressive arguments to support a bill introduced by Congressman John Conyers Jr. and 23 associates which would make the birthday of Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. on Jan. 15 a legal public holiday. The tidal wave of mail which has come to Congress in support of this proposal leaves no doubt whatever that it would be regarded by Negroes all over the United States as a long-desired and deserved recognition of the rich contribution of their race to American life. That it would gratify Negroes is reason enough in itself to assure the proposal thoughtful consideration. And apart from this, Dr. King holds an indubitable place among the great American martyr heroes to whom all Americans owe gratitude.

The trouble with making Dr. King's birthday a legal holiday lies in the fact that, to whatever extent it might find endorsement among the states, it would add to the rather considerable roster of days on which offices, banks, stores, schools and governmental functions are already suspended. Congress itself has power to establish a legal holiday only in the District of Columbia and for Federal

employees everywhere. The individual states determine for themselves whether the holiday should be observed within their boundaries. Legal holidays have been suggested to commemorate the birthdays of a number of noted Americans—Jefferson, Madison, Jackson, Lincoln and Franklin Roosevelt among them; but only George Washington's birthday has actually been established as a legal holiday. If similar status were accorded all of them, industry, commerce, education and public services would be pretty seriously impaired.

Perhaps a better and more realistic way of paying tribute to the memory of Dr. King has been proposed in the Senate by Senator Brooke and in the House by Congressman Farbstein. They advocate a joint resolution urging the President annually to declare Jan. 15 Martin Luther King Day—to be observed, as Abraham Lincoln's birthday is widely observed, by appropriate voluntary exercises in schools and at public meetings. Certainly it would be a more appropriate tribute to Dr. King to have students talk about him and his ideas in open schools than to have the schools shut down. The aim is a memorial, not merely a holiday.

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*In reply to*  
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*John Lewis*  
*Stokely Carmichael*  
*James Farmer*  
*G. Johnson*

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The Washington Post *A-14*  
Times Herald \_\_\_\_\_  
The Washington Daily News \_\_\_\_\_  
The Evening Star (Washington) \_\_\_\_\_  
The Sunday Star (Washington) \_\_\_\_\_  
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New York Post \_\_\_\_\_  
The New York Times \_\_\_\_\_  
The Sun (Baltimore) \_\_\_\_\_  
The Daily World \_\_\_\_\_  
The New Leader \_\_\_\_\_  
The Wall Street Journal \_\_\_\_\_  
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People's World \_\_\_\_\_  
Examiner (Washington) \_\_\_\_\_

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**Detroit, Michigan 48224**

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Dear [REDACTED]

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In reply to your letter of February 28th, I have never made any statement to the effect that Martin Luther King was a member of communist organizations. Information of this nature, whether substantiated or not, cannot be released because of a Department of Justice order regarding all matters of a confidential nature.

At a press conference on November 18, 1964, I made the statement that King was the most notorious liar in the country. I did so because he had grossly distorted the facts concerning our Special Agents handling civil rights investigations in the South.

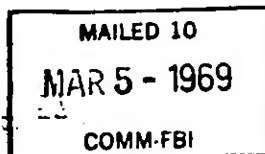
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J. Edgar Hoover

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February 28

Dear Mr. Hoover,

Our class was recently discussing Martin Luther King Jr.  
A few years ago I recall that you stated Martin Luther King was a member  
of several Communist front organization. Based on your honorable  
reputation I hold that this, and another statement in which you called  
him a liar, are true. Would you please verify these statements for me.  
Thank You very much

Sincerely yours

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Detroit, Michigan  
48224

JoEdgar HOOVER  
FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION  
WASHINGTON D.C.

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FEBRUARY 28

Dear Mr. Hoover,

Our class was recently discussing Martin Luther King Jr. A few years ago I recall that you stated Martin Luther King was a member of several Communist front organization. Based on your honorable reputation I hold that this, and another statement in which you called him a liar, are true. Would you please verify these statements for me. Thank you very much

Sincerely yours

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*J. Hoover*

REC 27 100-106670-357 February 28, 1969

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Syosset, New York 11791

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Dear [Redacted]

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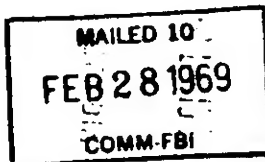
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In reply to the inquiries in your letter of February 24th, I have never made any statement to the effect that Martin Luther King was a communist. Information of this nature, whether substantiated or not, cannot be released because of a Department of Justice order regarding all matters of a confidential nature.

At a press conference on November 18, 1964, I made the statement that King was the most notorious liar in the country. I did so because he had grossly distorted the facts concerning our Special Agents handling civil rights investigations in the South.

Sincerely yours,

J. Edgar Hoover



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OFFICE OF DIRECTOR  
FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION  
UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

Feb. 24, 1969  
Syosset, N. Y.

MR. TOLSON ✓  
MR. DELOACH  
MR. MOHR ✓  
MR. BUREAU ✓  
MR. CASPER  
MR. CALLAHAN  
MR. CONRAD  
MR. FELT  
MR. GALE  
MR. ROSEN ✓  
MR. SULLIVAN  
MR. TAVEL  
MR. TROTTER  
MR. JONES  
TELE. ROOM  
MISS HOLMES  
MRS. METCALF  
MISS GANDY

Dear Mr. Hoover,

I am writing to you in reference to Martin L. King. I was under the impression that he was called a liar and he was said to have communistic leanings, by you. Are these statements true or do you feel he was the man worthy of his praise?

Presently my children attend assemblies in his honor, write compositions about him and I must sit and hear his recordings at a P. T. A. meeting.

Please write to me as I want to know exactly what the F. B. I has on its reports. I feel if these statements are true, my children should not honor this man in an American public school.

Thank you.

Sincerely,

Syosset, N. Y. 11791

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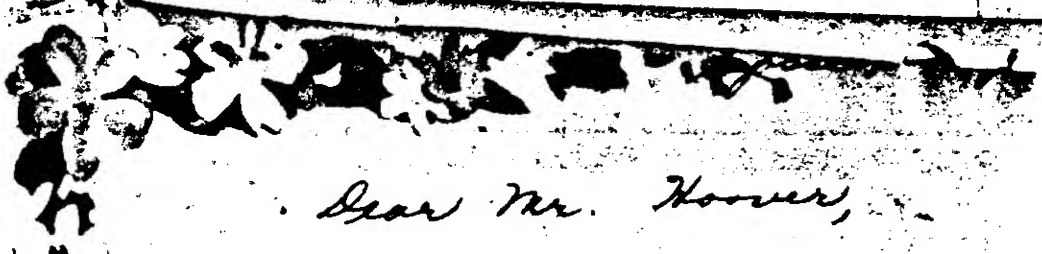
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The Deputy Attorney General

March 3, 1969

Director, FBI

*AP*  
MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR.  
RACIAL MATTERS

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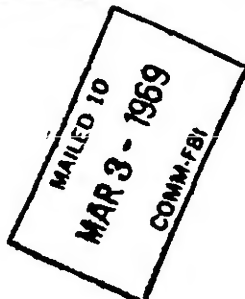
Pursuant to your request on February 28, 1969, a copy of a Top Secret document regarding Martin Luther King, Jr., was delivered on that date to Mr. Bryce N. Harlow, Special Assistant to the President, at the White House.

This document was a duplicate copy of the same document forwarded to the President and the Attorney General on January 23, 1969.

NOTE: Deputy Attorney General Kleindienst called Inspector Sterling B. Donahoe at 5:50 p. m., 2/28/69. He referred to continuing efforts that are being made to declare King's birthday a national holiday. He asked that a summary be prepared concerning the background of King, including his immoral behavior, and delivered to Bryce Harlow at the White House by Noon, 3/1/69. *pa*

We had already prepared such a document at the Instructions of the Director and copies had been sent the President and Attorney General. After checking with the Director, Kleindienst was reminded of the prior dissemination and of the Top Secret nature of the material. He said he would emphasize the classification to Harlow and asked that a copy be delivered directly to Harlow. This was done at 6:30 p. m., 2/28/69, by SA [REDACTED] b7(c)

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Perth Amboy, New Jersey 08861

Dear [REDACTED]

I have received your letter of February 27th.

While I would like to be of assistance to you, information concerning the alleged communist affiliations of Martin Luther King, whether substantiated or not, cannot be released because of a Department of Justice order regarding all matters of a confidential nature.

In reply to your other request, this Bureau does not have for distribution the type of list you requested; however, you may wish to secure a copy of "Guide to Subversive Organizations and Publications," prepared and released by the House Committee on Un-American Activities, now known as the House Committee on Internal Security. In it are listed some of the groups and periodicals which have been cited by various state and Federal agencies, and a copy of it can be purchased for seventy cents from the Superintendent of Documents, Government Printing Office, Washington, D. C. 20402. Checks or money orders should be drawn payable to the Superintendent of Documents. C. O. D. orders will not be accepted.

Sincerely yours,

J. Edgar Hoover

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February 27, 1969

Federal Bureau of Investigation  
Washington, D.C.

Dear Sir:

It has come to my attention that there is a movement throughout our nation, and in fact, a bill has been introduced in Congress to make January 15, a national holiday in honor of Martin Luther King.

I recall seeing a picture published by the FBI of Mr. King attending communist training classes somewhere in the South. I also have in mind Congressman Ashbrook's remarks of 10/4/67-Congressional Record-saying that Mr. King is the one man in this decade who has done the most to promote and help communism in our country.

If this is so this man does not deserve to be honored by our country. Can you verify or deny these facts? What are the facts of Mr. King and his relationship with subversive activities in the United States?

I would also like a list of specialized publications dealing with subversive activities in the United States and where I may obtain a subscription.

I am quite concerned with the way things are going in this country. I feel I had better try to help my country. I must become better informed of the true facts of life here in the United States.

Any assistance you can give me will be greatly appreciated.  
Thank you.

Sincerely,

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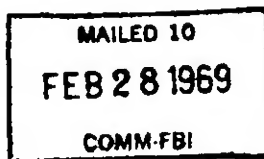
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In reply to the inquiries in your letter of February 21st, I have never made any statement to the effect that Martin Luther King was a communist. Information of this nature, whether substantiated or not, cannot be released because of a Department of Justice order regarding all matters of a confidential nature.

Sincerely yours,

J. Edgar Hoover



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Midland, Texas 79701

February 21, 1969

Federal Bureau of Investigation

Washington, D. C.

Gentlemen,

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In a recent heated discussion with an acquaintance of mine he claimed that he had information that the late Martin Luther King was a Communist. When I questioned the veracity of his statement he referred me to your organization. He indicated that you had released information and would upon request send excerpts from Dr. King's personal file. I am embarrassed to ask you do this as I feel that my friend was mistaken, but in fairness to him I am taking the time to write and ask you if you have ever forwarded any information of this sort to any private individual and if so would you as my friend indicated forward such information to me.

May I thank you in advance for your time in reading this letter and in sending a prompt response.

Sincerely

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February 24, 1969

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[REDACTED]  
Gladstone, Missouri 64118

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Dear [REDACTED]

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I have received your letter of February 14th and appreciate the interest which prompted you to write.

In response to your inquiries as to whether or not Martin Luther King was a communist, information of this nature, whether substantiated or not, cannot be released because of a Department of Justice order regarding all matters of a confidential nature.

As to your question about Stokely Carmichael, the FBI is strictly an investigative agency of the Federal Government and, as such, does not determine whether prosecutive action will be undertaken in any situation. Such decisions concerning violations of Federal law are within the province of the Attorney General. Voluminous data relative to Carmichael have been furnished to the Attorney General for his consideration, and you may wish to contact him.

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Sincerely yours,

J. Edgar Hoover

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February 14, 1969

J. Edgar Hoover, Director  
Federal Bureau of Investigation  
Washington, D. C.

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Dear Mr. Hoover:

I am puzzled and confused! Shortly before the assassination of Martin Luther King, I watched the Joe Pyne Show on television when he had as guest a Negro woman who had been a counter spy for the FBI. I have forgotten her name but she had been working with the civil rights movement in Chicago and perhaps other cities and had written a book on her experiences. She seemed to be a wonderful person- a good, honest Christian woman and a patriotic citizen of this country. Just before the interview was over, Joe Pyne asked her directly if Martin Luther King was a communist and she answered him by saying, "Yes, he is."

Now, my question is this: If Martin Luther King was a communist, and he surely must have been, why doesn't the Federal Government let the public know the truth about him? I am thoroughly disgusted with all the eulogizing and praise showered upon this man! I've even read that pressure is being exercised by certain groups to make his birthday a National holiday! And something just as offensive, I read sometime ago that a postage stamp is to be issued in his honor! Under the circumstances, how could the leadership of the United States Government disgrace the citizens of this country by honoring a communist in this way? There are still many patriotic citizens who should be honored!

In my opinion and it is the opinion of many other persons with whom I've discussed this, that Martin Luther King, Jr. stirred up more trouble between the races in this country than any other man. He claimed to be preaching nonviolence, when every word he uttered on television was of a violent nature and his eyes revealed the hatred he held in his heart! He claimed to be a preacher of the gospel, but the Bible I know doesn't teach hate! Will you please write and tell me why this man, a traitor to his country, is being so highly praised by some of the leadership? I'm fed up with it all!

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I would also like to know why the Stokely Carmichaels aren't thrown in prison? I didn't know that our Constitution and Bill of Rights had such wide coverage! Thank you for a reply.

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Sincerely yours,  
FEB 24 1969

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Gladstone, Missouri 64118

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[REDACTED]  
Newbern, Tennessee 38059

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Dear [REDACTED]

Thank you for your kind comments in your letter of February 14th. While I wish it were possible to be of assistance to you, information contained in our files must be maintained as confidential in accordance with regulations of the Department of Justice. I am sorry I am unable to furnish the data you are seeking.

Sincerely yours,

J. Edgar Hoover

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Dear Mr. Hoover,

Just want to thank you for your life and pray  
God will continue to use you in this country of ours  
to make it a better place to live.

I need some information concerning the late Dr.  
Martin Luther King. I am a minister of the Christian  
Church here at Newbern and fill that Mr. King was far  
from being a Christian and did exactly what the  
communist wanted him to do. Please send me what you  
can concerning his activity as a communist and bill  
me for the material.

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b7(c) [redacted]  
Highland Falls, New York 10928

Dear [redacted]

Your letter of February 3rd has been received.

In response to your inquiry, information concerning the alleged communist affiliations of Martin Luther King, whether substantiated or not, cannot be released because of a Department of Justice order regarding all matters of a confidential nature. I regret I am unable to be of help to you.

Sincerely yours,  
J. Edgar Hoover

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Feb. 3rd, 1969

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Dear Sir,

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I am a sophomore at [redacted] College, and would like information regarding Martin Luther King being a communist.

Believe me, its not to start a big college uproar, as Ladycliff is a small girls college with approximately 450 students.

I need the information for an oral report I have to give in a few weeks. I would appreciate pictures if you have any.

If you cannot help me I'd appreciate it, if you told me someone who could.

Thank You,

/s/ [redacted]

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Highland Falls, N.Y.  
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Northwood, North Dakota 58267

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Dear [REDACTED]

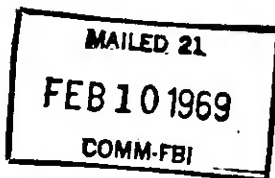
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and [REDACTED]

In reply to your inquiry, information concerning the  
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Sincerely yours,

J. Edgar Hoover

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Federal Bureau of Investigation  
Washington, D. C.

Dear Sirs:

Our Present Day Problems class in school is doing some research on recent occurrences. Our research topic is concerned with the late Dr. Martin Luther King, Junior.

There have been many rumors concerning the fact that Dr. King had been affiliated with Communist action. Certain organizations such as the John Birch Society, have definitely stated his membership with the Communist Party.

It had also been stated that through his non-violent actions he was used by the Communist Party. Do you have any information which would prove or disprove this statement?

We shall greatly appreciate any assistance you may be able to give us.

Thank you for your help and cooperation.

Sincerely yours,

b7(c)

P. S. Would you please send any information you may have to the following address:

Northwood, North Dakota

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CORRESPONDENCE

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The Attorney General

February 5, 1969

Director, FBI

MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR.

- 1 - Mr. C. D. DeLoach
- 1 - Mr. W. C. Sullivan
- 1 - Mr. T. E. Bishop
- 1 - Mr. D. J. Brennan
- 1 - Mr. G. C. Moore
- 1 - Mr. Glass

A source of this Bureau who has furnished reliable information in the past has advised that Mrs. Coretta King, widow of the late Martin Luther King, Jr., planned to call the President to discuss with him a proposed memorial center commemorating Martin Luther King, Jr.

Stanley David Levison, an advisor to Mrs. King, has suggested that Mrs. King would not want to place herself under any obligation by asking the President for help but suggested that she take the approach that it is not a question of asking the President for a favor but rather that the Federal Government owes it to the Negro to establish such a memorial.

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The above information is being furnished to Dr. Kissinger at the White House.

1 - The Deputy Attorney General

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The Attorney General

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January 29, 1969

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Waynesville, North Carolina 28786

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Dear [REDACTED]

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Your letter was received on January 27th.

In reply to your inquiries, information concerning the alleged communist affiliations of Martin Luther King, whether substantiated or not, cannot be released because of a Department of Justice order regarding all matters of a confidential nature. For this same reason, I am unable to comment on the article you mentioned.

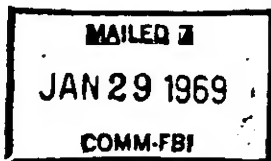
Sincerely yours,  
J. Edgar Hoover

NOTE: Bufiles contain no record identifiable with correspondent. The only references to "The Sword of the Lord" are prior to 1957 and show it was published in Wheaton, Illinois, at that time.

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Director of The Federal  
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Dear Sir;

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The purpose of this letter is about a recent article I read in a paper about the late Martin Luther King. In the paper he personally was not accused of being a communist but being surrounded by them in his organization and accepting money from them. Is this true? If so, why is not the public informed of this.

I believe in equality for all persons, but if a person is a communist or deals with them and exerts the influence he did then the public should be informed of his shady background.

The President of The United States ordered all flags to be flown at all places including Western Germany where I was stationed with the Army thinking that I was fighting for freedom and against communism at half mast. I would hate to think that our flag which has flown over many men who have fought and died against communism be flown at half mast for a man who sympathized with these very ideals!

I hope that we the people of the United States are not being kept from the truth in such matters as these. If we are then we need a change in this policy.

The paper I am referring to is The Sword of the Lord which is printed in Murfreesboro, Tenn. The article was by Dr. Tom Anderson.

Could you please enlighten me on this matter. Thank you

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

# Memorandum

TO : Mr. W. C. Sullivan

DATE: 1-22-69

FROM : Mr. G. C. Moore *GC*

SUBJECT: MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR.  
RACIAL MATTERS

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This is to transmit attached document regarding communist influence on Martin Luther King, Jr., to the President and the Attorney General.

Memorandum dated January 17, 1969, from Mr. G. C. Moore to Mr. W. C. Sullivan recommended attached document be furnished the President and the Attorney General on January 23, 1969. The Director approved.

In view of the sensitivity of the attached document, it is felt most appropriate to have the letter to the President and its enclosure delivered to Dr. Henry A. Kissinger, Advisor to the President for National Security Affairs, in order that Kissinger can bring it to the President's personal attention. We have already established liaison with members of Dr. Kissinger's staff and our Liaison Section will deliver this letter.

## ACTION:

1. If you approve, attached letter and its enclosure will be delivered to Dr. Kissinger by the Liaison Section.

2. The attached letter to the Attorney General and its enclosure will be forwarded to the Attorney General.

Enclosures (4)

TJD:sd (7)

- 1 - Mr. C. D. DeLoach
- 1 - Mr. W. C. Sullivan
- 1 - Mr. T. E. Bishop
- 1 - Mr. D. J. Brennan
- 1 - Mr. G. C. Moore
- 1 - Mr. T. J. Deakin

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5-Deakin

## KING STATUE IS PLANNED AT CATHEDRAL

A statue of the Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King Jr., the slain Negro civil rights leader, will be placed in the nave of Washington Cathedral alongside some 30 others in a series of "great Christians."

The Very Rev. Francis B. Sayre Jr., dean of the cathedral, said in his announcement that the carved likeness will be 30 inches tall and will cost about \$2,500. The statue will be the first of a Negro to be included in the series. About a dozen statues already are in place, including reformers John Calvin and Martin Luther.

A cathedral spokesman said the decision to create the statue came in response to a request by the Southern Christian Leadership Conference that King's 40th birthday, which would have been Wednesday, be honored by the nation's churches. King preached his last formal sermon in the cathedral the week before his death last April 4.

The stone carving will be fashioned from a plaster cast to be designed by Col. Carl Bush, cathedral sculptor-in-residence. The work will begin when donations to cover the cost have been received, the spokesman said.

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The Sun (Baltimore)  
The Daily World  
The New Leader  
The Wall Street Journal  
The National Observer  
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1 - Mr. DeLoach  
1 - Mr. W. C. Sullivan  
1 - Mr. Bishop

January 23, 1969

1 - Mr. G. C. Moore  
1 - Mr. Deakin

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The President  
The White House  
Washington, D. C.

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Dear Mr. President:

The Southern Christian Leadership Conference, founded by Martin Luther King, Jr., held demonstrations on January 15, 1969, King's birthday, urging that his birthday be made a national holiday. Reverend Ralph D. Abernathy, President of the Southern Christian Leadership Conference, has advocated national holiday status for King's birthday, according to press accounts.

In view of this, there is enclosed a document regarding the communist influence on King during his career, and his highly immoral personal behavior. For your information, a copy of this document is also being furnished to the Attorney General.

Sincerely yours,

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Enclosure

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Mr. Tolson  
Mr. DeLoach  
Mr. Bishop  
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The President

NOTE:

Classified "~~Top Secret~~" as information in this letter and in the enclosure, if disclosed, could compromise informants and jeopardize the national security. The Director approved memorandum Mr. G. C. Moore to Mr. W. C. Sullivan dated 1-17-69, captioned Martin Luther King, Jr., recommending enclosed document be sent to the President and the Attorney General. See memorandum Mr. G. C. Moore to Mr. W. C. Sullivan dated 1-22-69, captioned Martin Luther King, Jr., prepared by TJD:sd.



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[REDACTED]  
Fort Recovery, Ohio 45846

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Dear [REDACTED]

Your letter of December 26th inquiring about the activities of Martin Luther King has been received. While I certainly wish it were possible to be of assistance to you, information contained in our files must be maintained as confidential in accordance with regulations of the Department of Justice. I am sorry I am unable to furnish the data you are seeking.

Sincerely yours,

J. Edgar Hoover

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Dec 26, 1968

FBI Director  
J. Edgar Hoover  
Washington, D. C.

Dear Mr. Hoover,

C I would like to have some information on Mr. Martin Luther King. I would like to know what kind of man he was, good or bad. You can't believe what you read, some say he is good and other's say his bad. What is the truth?

Thank You

/s/

[REDACTED]

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CORRESPONDENCE

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CHICAGO  
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Dear Mr. Hoover -

Thank you for your letter of  
Dec. 18th, replying to mine of Dec. 11th  
re Martin Luther King, Jr.

Can you imagine a black  
marble statue being erected on a  
pedestal in St. Dorothy's Catholic  
Church here in Chicago, dwarfing  
statues of the Blessed Virgin and  
St. Joseph and with spot light  
beaming on it. This is Church  
where its parishioners demanded  
that their colored assistant past  
be made pastor on occasion of the  
retirement of its pastor, who is  
white. Among those insisting on  
elevation of their colored assistant  
are such black leaders as Rev. Jesse  
Jackson (not catholic) and the  
usual unamerican advocates.

protest, Dave Dellinger (who promised  
a protest on inauguration day in your  
honor and day before.

Again thank you!  
Respectfully

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M. L. King, Jr.

December 18, 1968

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Chicago, Illinois 60643

Dear [REDACTED]

In reply to the inquiry in your letter of December 12th regarding the alleged communist affiliations of Martin Luther King, information of this nature, whether substantiated or not, cannot be released because of a Department of Justice order concerning all matters of a confidential nature.

Sincerely yours,

J. Edgar Hoover

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CHICAGO  
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Mr. J. Edgar Hoover  
F. B. I.  
Washington, D. C.

Dear Mr. Hoover-

A couple of years ago there was a rumor thru out this area that Martin Luther King Jr. was a communist and attended a communist school in Tennessee, as did Stokely Carmichael. Does your office have such information? Can you imagine a catholic church here placing a black marble figure of King on a pedestal in a Chicago Church where the assistant pastor is black and in a spot light. This black priest wants to have Martin Luther King canonized!

Respectfully,  
CORRESPONDENCE

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F.B.I.  
Washington, D. C.

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Dickson, Tennessee 37055

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Dear [REDACTED]

In reply to your inquiry of December 3rd, information concerning the alleged communist affiliations of Martin Luther King, whether substantiated or not, cannot be released because of a Department of Justice order regarding all matters of a confidential nature. For this reason, I am unable to furnish the data you are seeking.

Sincerely yours,

J. Edgar Hoover

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Dickson, Tennessee 37055  
December 3, 1968

Department of Justice Building  
Washington D. C.

Gentlemen:

As a citizen I am very concerned about the racial strife which is tearing the nation apart. The beloved Rev. Martin Luther King gave his life to bring racial peace and justice to our land. I supported and respected him more than mere words can express. But I hear persistent rumors that Rev. King was a member of the Communist Party. I have been told recently that the FBI files prove this claim. I wish you could help me by giving me information about this. If you can't help me please tell me where I can get such information. Your efforts will mean much to me.

Respectfully,

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Dickson, Tennessee 37055

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[REDACTED]  
Rolling Hills, California 90274

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Dear [REDACTED]

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Your letter of November 21st concerning the activities of Martin Luther King has been received. While I certainly wish it were possible to be of assistance to you, information contained in our files must be maintained as confidential in accordance with regulations of the Department of Justice. I am sorry I am unable to furnish the data you are seeking.

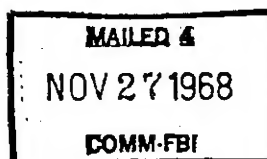
Sincerely yours,

J. Edgar Hoover

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Holling Hills  
California

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November 21, 1968

REGARDING: MARTIN LUTHER KING

Mr. J. Edgar Hoover  
Federal Bureau of Investigation  
Washington D.C.

Dear Sir:

My purpose in writing to you is to obtain accurate information concerning the activities of the late Martin Luther King. This information is to be used in a high school class report. It is my understanding that the F.B.I. has such accurate and revealing, indisputable evidence concerning his activities which contrast greatly to the saintly person he claimed to be.

I would appreciate any information you could send me.

Very truly yours,

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Correspondence

November 14, 1968

AIRMAIL

REC 13

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Australia

Dear [REDACTED]

Your letter was received on November 11th.

In reply to your inquiries, information concerning the alleged communist affiliations of Martin Luther King, whether substantiated or not, cannot be released because of a Department of Justice order regarding all matters of a confidential nature. For the same reason, I am unable to answer your other questions about him.

Sincerely yours,

J. Edgar Hoover

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2nd. November 1968

The Director,  
Federal Bureau of Investigation,  
WASHINGTON. D. C.

Dear Mr. Hoover,

Quite recently a highly respected Methodist clergyman obtained a tape recording of what purports to be the last public address given by Martin Luther King. usually King is held up as a martyr to the cause of improving the lot of negroes in the States. for myself, I believe he, King, was a fellow traveller, who had outlived his use to International Communism, and so was disposed of. now, in order that I may take some effective steps through the Church Press, will you please advise me:

1. have you any clear proof of King's link with Communism?
2. Did he, King, pay any visits to Russia as the guest of the Russian Govt?
3. while he preached non violence, wherever he went, violence erupted. Is this a statement of fact?
4. was King's influence on the body Politic beneficial or otherwise?

I might say that I am the eldest surviving gt. gt. gt. Grandson of Col

b7(c) [redacted] aide & Secretary to General Washington, 1775-83.

I am an American Citizen, though all my life has been lived in Australia.

I served in the 1st. A. I. F. and was injured by shell blast at the Battle of Hamel, 4/7/18. I am now too paralysed to move out of my chair.

yours sincerely,

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November 15, 1968

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Wakefield, New Hampshire 03888

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Dear [REDACTED]

I have received your letter of November 11th.

While I would like to be of assistance to you, information concerning the alleged communist affiliations of Martin Luther King, whether substantiated or not, cannot be released because of a Department of Justice order regarding all matters of a confidential nature. I regret I am unable to be of help in this instance.

Sincerely yours,

J. Edgar Hoover

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WAKEFIELD, N. H. 03888

November 11, 1968

Mr. J. Edgar Hoover, Chief  
Federal Bureau of Investigation  
Washington, D. C.

Sir:

A surprising number of people in New Hampshire say, and apparently believe, that the late Dr. Martin Luther King was a Communist. The New Hampshire paper, the Manchester Union, just this week included slurs against Dr. King using most "un-journalistic" objectionable language.

I understand the F. B. I. investigated these charges. Can you tell me if you have discovered he was or was not a Communist? I would be most grateful indeed for a reply.

Respectfully yours,

[REDACTED]

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November 7, 1968

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[REDACTED]

Lynchburg, Virginia 24502

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Dear [REDACTED]

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I received your letter on November 4th and want to thank you for your kind comments.

In response to your inquiries, I can assure you that I have never made any such statement as the one attributed to me in your letter.

At a press conference on November 18, 1964, I made the statement that Martin Luther King was the most notorious liar in the country. I did so because he had grossly distorted the facts concerning our Special Agents handling civil rights investigations in the South. It is not possible for me to comment further inasmuch as information in our files must remain confidential in accordance with regulations of the Department of Justice.

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Sincerely yours,

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TRUE COPY

Dear Sir:

I would like all the information that you have concerning the life of Martin Luther King. I would like any information you have regarding his birth, early school and family years, whether he has a police record and his activities in Civil Right movements. About the Civil Rights movement, was he connected privalty with any communist or miliant group, black or white in this country or any other country. I would like to know where he led marches, and if these marches turned into riots. I would like to know if the statement I read in the paper is true and if it is what caused J. Eger Hoover to say them:

"Mr. King had been saying bad things about the way the FBI had treated the civil rights movenent, but Mr. Hoover said if he didn't shut up about the FBI, he would bring everything he knew about King out in the open and let the people see what type of person he really was."

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What were the things Mr. Hoover had against him, a comminst, a person who would overthrow the U.S. or what.

I know a lot of this might be secret, but I need it to do a research on Dr. King, and need this information.

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Senior at Brookville High School  
Lynchburg Va.

|| Mr. Hoover, I respect you as a police officer very much and think that this country needs more people. like you.

Lynchburg Virginia.

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Dear Sir:

I would like all the information that you have concerning the life of Martin Luther King. I would like any information you have regarding his birth, early school and family years, whether he has a police record and his activities in Civil Right movements. About the Civil Rights movement, was he connected privately with any communist or militant group, black or white, in this country or any other country. I would like to know where he has worked, and if they maples turned into pits. I would like to know if the statement I read in the paper is ~~was~~ true and if it is what caused J. Edgar Hoover to say them:

"Mr. King had been saying bad things about the way the FBI had treated the civil rights movement, but Mr. Hoover said if he didn't shut up about the FBI, he would bring everything he knew about King out in the open and let the people see what type of person he really was."

What were the things Mr. Hoover had against him, a communist, a ~~subversive~~ person who would overthrow the U.S. or what.

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I know a lot of this might be  
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Dr. King, and need this information.

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[REDACTED]  
Senior at Brookville High School  
Lynchburg Va.

Mr. Hoover, I respect you as a police  
officer very much and think that this country  
needs more people like you.

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Lynchburg Virginia.

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November 4, 1968

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[Redacted]  
Flushing, Michigan 48433

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Dear [Redacted]

In reply to the inquiry in your letter of October 28th concerning Martin Luther King, information in the files of the FBI must be maintained as confidential pursuant to regulations of the Department of Justice. I regret I cannot be of help to you.

Sincerely yours,

J. Edgar Hoover

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NOTE: On basis of available data, correspondent is not identifiable in Bureau files.

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DEAR SIRs,

If possible would you please send me Dr. M.L.King's  
police record. I need the information for some  
research I am doing on his life. Would you please  
send the information to: [REDACTED]

FLUSHING, MICHIGAN  
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Thank You,  
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November 6, 1968

REC-56 100-106670-3549

Kirkwood, Missouri 63122

Dear [REDACTED]

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DATE 2-12-81 BY SP4 JPL/ML

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I have received your letter of October 30th and its enclosure.

In reply to your inquiries, I have never made any statement to the effect that Martin Luther King was a communist. Information of this nature, whether substantiated or not, cannot be released because of a Department of Justice order regarding all matters of a confidential nature.

At a press conference on November 18, 1964, I made the statement that King was the most notorious liar in the country. I did so because he had grossly distorted the facts concerning our Special Agents handling civil rights investigations in the South.

Sincerely yours,

J. Edgar Hoover

NOTE: Based on available data Bufiles contain no identifiable information concerning [REDACTED]. Her enclosure is a self-addressed, stamped envelope which is being utilized in return.

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Kirkwood, October 30, 1968.

Mr. Edgar Hoover  
Federal Bureau of Investigation  
Washington, D. C.

Dear Mr. Hoover:

The other day a lady friend of mine quoted you saying,  
|| that Martin Luther King was a communist and a liar. Kindly  
let me know, if this is your opinion and why and please  
forgive me for bothering you with such a question.

Yours very truly

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Kirkwood, Mo. 63122.

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CORRESPONDENCE

October 29, 1968

EX 110

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Matamoras, Pennsylvania 18336

Dear [REDACTED]

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DATE 2-12-81 BY SP4 JMK/LL  
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I have received your letter of October 21st and want to thank you for your kind remarks regarding my administration of the FBI.

In reply to your inquiry about the activities of Martin Luther King, information in our files must be maintained as confidential in accordance with regulations of the Department of Justice. I regret I am unable to furnish the data you are seeking.

I did make the statement that Martin Luther King was the most notorious liar in the country at a press conference on November 18, 1964. I did so because he had grossly distorted the facts concerning our Special Agents handling civil rights investigations in the South.

Sincerely yours,  
J. Edgar Hoover

NOTE: Bufiles contain no identifiable information concerning [REDACTED]. The individuals named in his letter were not searched for purpose of answering his letter.

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Matamoras, Pennsylvania, #18336.

Mr. J. Edgar Hoover, (Director)  
Federal Bureau of Investigation  
Washington, D.C. #20535.

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October 21st, 1968.

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| Mr. Sullivan |  |
| Mr. Tavel    |  |
| Mr. Trotter  |  |
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| Miss Holmes  |  |
| Miss Gandy   |  |

Dear Mr. Hoover;

I'm writing this letter to ascertain if it was possible to obtain from your office some literature if available pertaining to the Modus Operandi of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. now deceased who was alleged to be one of the leaders of the Civil Rights Movement. In my personal opinion he was an Impostor and a con-man whereby the records of his activities speak for themselves. It was his philosophy that he had the right to disobey any law he thought was evil or unjust.

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What prompted this letter was I have a Son attending high school in this area, and one of the teachers during the course of study is brain-washing the students by placing Mr. King on a pedestal to idealize him as a great man, which is an insult to my intelligence, here is a man performing under the guise of Non-violence when he actually advocated Violence, somebody was goofing when he was awarded the Nobel Peace Prize in 1964, As a matter of fact on Nov. 18th, of the same year you called Mr. King "The most notorious liar in the country".

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OCT 24 1968

While on the subject another thing that infuriated me recently prior to the Democratic National Convention in Chicago, Ill., Senator Eugene J. McCarthy issued a statement to the effect if he were elected President one of the first official acts he would perform in office would be to fire Mr. J. Edgar Hoover. It is my personal opinion he could'nt hold a patch on Mr. Hoovers pants, here is a man holding one of the most important jobs in the nation for almost the past half century as Director of the Federal Bureau of Investigation and has performed some of the most outstanding and unheralded feats for the benefit of our country, and his organization is second to none throughout the world, and he is one of the most dedicated men in high government office today, The records speak for themselves.

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I'm now retired from the City of New York Police Department since Sept. 1961, of which I was a member for a period of thirty five years, and during that whole time was assigned to the 28th Precinct, West 123rd Street Station House, located in Black Harlem and during that period of time had come in contact and observed the whole method of operation there, including many phonies only to mention a few, Marcus Garvey, Julian the "Black Eagle", Madam St. Clair, Father Devine and Daddy Grace. But also had the pleasure of doing business with some good black people, there also only to mention a few.

OCT 31 1968

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Bill "Bojangles" Robinson, (dancer), Dr. Marshall Ross, M.D., Dr. Louis Wright, M.D., Dr. Dash, D.D., Congressman Adam Clayton Powell, Jr., Father who during them times was the head of the Abyssinia Baptist Church, Nina Mae McKenney, (dancer & singer) and her Mother & Father, Mr. Handy, (song writer), Mr. Randolph, Pres., sleeping pullman porters union, Mr. Madison, Father Devines lawyer and Sugar Ray Robinson. There was also some good times at the Old Lafayette Theatre, 7th Ave., & 132nd St., Rockland Palace formerly Manhattan Casino, 8th Ave. & 155th St., Eddie Smalls Old Paradise 7th Ave. & 135th St., Renaissance Casino & Savoy Ballroom, Old Cotton Club on Lenox Ave., Commonwealth S.C., Tilly's Kitchen on Lenox Ave., and the Old Polo Grounds, 8th Ave., & 155th St.

In the late 1920's you were able to perform police duties without any interference from politics, I was able to control my post which extended on Lenox Ave., from 127th to 130th Street's, from 1926 till 1933 and during said period of time the end of the Night-stick was respected by the community in those day's. However the coming into power in the early 1930's of President Franklin Delano Roosevelt, Mayor Fiorello LaGuardia and Congressman Vito Marcantonio, Things then started to change rapidly, the power of enforcing the law was steadily being removed from the police, and I could then see the handwriting on the wall for the end of Law & Order in our City and for that matter throughout the country.

I was promoted to the Detective Bureau in 1933 and remained in the same Precinct, The first Harlem Riot occurred March 19th, 1935 and the second Riot on Aug. 1st, 1943, then were dark days in Harlem, I was present and participated in both Riots and from my investigation of same it disclosed that the Riots were not spontaneous but a planned and manipulated conspiracy and was precipitated by masses of black male & female persons who resorted to violence, destruction of property and looting of hundreds of stores on both occasions, and the losses and damages run into the millions of dollars, including the loss of lives and personal injuries.

The both local newspapers namely the Amsterdam News and the Pittsburgh Courier have records pertaining to all the incidents and they speak for themselves.

And from my thirty five years experience as a police officer in Black Harlem, it is my contention that if the power is not reverted back to the use of the Night-stick which is the only language that certain elements understand, (with no strings attached), and abolish minority appeasement, this nation will fall into CHAOS.

One of our greatest Presidents namely Theodore Roosevelt, his philosophy was "Speak softly and carry a big stick". And one of our greatest Police Commissioners namely Brover Whelan, his philosophy was "The law is at the end of the Night-stick".

So if you would be so kind to forgive me blowing my top as a result of the incidents mentioned above, I would greatly appreciate any literature relative to Mr. King if it is available.

Wishing you the best of health and good luck for many more years to come.

Respectfully,

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100-106670-3547

*J. Edgar Hoover*

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Perryton, Texas 79070

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Dear [REDACTED]

Your letter, with enclosures, was received on October 14th, and I want to thank you for your very favorable comments concerning my administration of this Bureau.

Although I would like to be of assistance concerning your inquiry, information contained in our files must be maintained as confidential in accordance with regulations of the Department of Justice. I regret I am unable to furnish the data you are seeking.

Since you may wish to keep your Father's letter and enclosure, I am returning them to you.

OCT 16 1968

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Sincerely yours,

J. Edgar Hoover

*J. Edgar Hoover*

Enclosures (2)

NOTE: Bufiles contain one reference to correspondent as the destination address of a Cuban coming to America in 1966.

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PERRYTON, TEXAS 79070

October 9, 1968

Mr. J. Edgar Hoover  
Federal Bureau of Investigation  
Washington, D.C.

Dear Mr. Hoover:

First, let me tell you of my personal admiration for you and the fine work you have done for many years. You have been "Mr. F.B.I." my entire life!

Enclosed please find a letter from my father, who has been a fearful man for many years, and who is certain that we are about to be taken over by the Communists. Also, please find a post card he sent me recently, with the supposed evidence that Martin Luther King was secretly working with and for Communists.

I am simply interested in anything you would be able to tell me about this supposed school for the training of Communists in our country. I am not willing to believe hearsay, but only want the known facts, so that is why I am writing to you about this.

Aware of the littleness of this, I hate to take your very valuable time, yet as a Minister I am continually beseiged by this kind of report, especially in the Texas Panhandle.

Thank you for your many services, and for this one additional service.

Sincerely yours,

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CORRESPONDENCE

Arkansas City, Kansas  
September 10, 1968

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Dear son, [REDACTED]

When you were here I mentioned a post card that had a rather strange group of individuals pictured thereon. I was able to get one for your personal scrutiny. Here it is.

This picture was made by a news photographer who was sent to this school at Monteagle Tennessee to take a picture of this new and unique idea in teaching something - the permit was issued and the kind of school was not stated. Adult education was about all that the application stated was the purpose. The photographer and a news writer went to the place unannounced and had no idea of what they were to find. Catching the culprits unaware they just posed as though everything was in order as it was supposed to be. The hope they had was that the real leadership of the school would not be recognized.

This all came about through the office of the State Superintendent of Public Instruction of the State of Tennessee. There was no staging of this.

In the light of all that you have known about the late leader of this philosophy, pictured as No. 1 and this proof of his association with such as are pictured here, I am at a loss to see how you could have any respect for the man, to say nothing of embracing his nefarious program of wrecking our nation. His non-violent way of doing was the smooth plan of an anarchist.

Patriotic, Christian citizens of this republic of the U.S.A. should not be caught in this web of the planners for revolution and anarchy which will result in a wrecking of all that has been good in this country and the evils will be multiplied for all. I hope that you can bring yourself to see that you have been duped and get right in your thinking and evaluation of things as they are. Mama and I pray for you every day that you will see the light and get to take your bearings and make all changes that should be made. [REDACTED] this liberal philosophy is wrong. It does not measure up to the Bible gauge for right living. You are well enough able to think for yourself. DO IT.

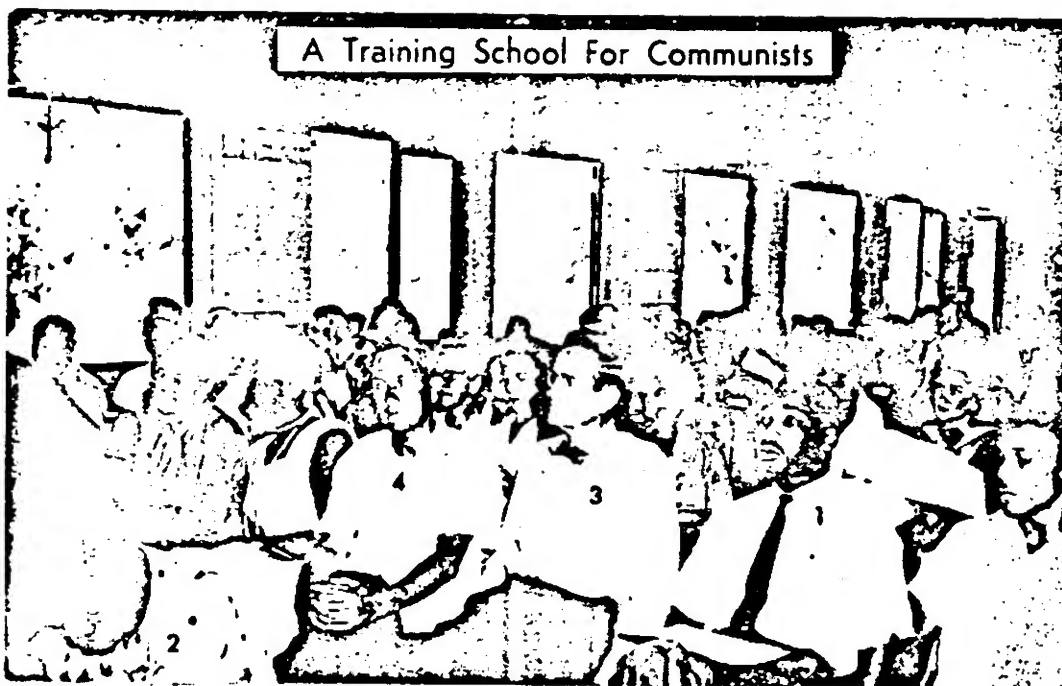
Love, your father,

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### Identifications

The picture on the other side was made at Highlander Folk School during the Labor Day week-end of 1937. Attentive pupils identified by the numbers are:

1. Martin Luther King, Jr. The association indicated here is not unusual for Dr. King, who belongs to several important Communist front organizations, and who regularly employs or affiliates with known Communists.
2. Abner W. Berry, of the Central Committee of the Communist Party.
3. Aubrey Williams, President of the Communist front, the Southern Conference Educational Fund.
4. Myles Horton, Director of the Highlander Folk School (for Communist Training), Monteagle, Tennessee. This school was later closed down by the State of Tennessee, but an offspring is now thriving in Knoxville.

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Franklin, Wisconsin 53132

Dear [REDACTED]

Your letter of October 9th has been received.

While I would like to be of assistance to you, information concerning the alleged communist activities of Martin Luther King, whether substantiated or not, cannot be released because of a Department of Justice order regarding all matters of a confidential nature. I regret I am unable to be of help in this instance.

Sincerely yours,

J. Edgar Hoover

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Federal Bureau of Investigation  
Washington, D.C.

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Gentlemen:

I would like a report of your investigation into the Communistic  
Activities of Martin Luther King.

If there is a fee, please let me know.

Sincerely  


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REC-68 100-106670-3545 October 16, 1968

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b7(c) [REDACTED]  
Deerfield, Massachusetts 01342

Dear [REDACTED]

Your letter of October 11th, with enclosure, has been received.

While I would like to be of assistance to you, the alleged communist activities and affiliations of Martin Luther King, whether substantiated or not, cannot be released because of a Department of Justice order regarding all matters of a confidential nature. I regret I am unable to be of help in this instance.

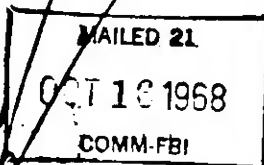
Sincerely yours,

J. Edgar Hoover

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Deerfield, Massachusetts

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October 11, 1968

Mr. J. Edgar Hoover, Director  
Federal Bureau of Investigation  
Washington, D.C.

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DATE 2-12-81 BY SP4JRM/ML

Dear Mr. Hoover:

6076

The enclosed photostat is a copy of a letter, without the letterhead and signature, of an alumnus of this school who reacted very strongly against the action the student body took in establishing a memorial scholarship fund in honor of Martin Luther King, Jr.

In a previous letter to me this same gentleman claimed that the F.B.I. had incontrovertible evidence that Mr. King was not only a Communist, but a man dedicated to the violent overthrow of this country.

I would very much appreciate it if your office could check out the veracity of the statements in this letter. The gentleman who wrote this letter feels very strongly and I respect his right to feel as he does. I am curious, before I present his views to students, however, to be sure of the accuracy of the statements he makes.

I am sending him a copy of this letter.

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Sincerely yours,

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October 1, 1968

My dear [REDACTED]

b7(c)

I can not come to [REDACTED] so I will ask you to read this to your students who wish to create a "memorial" to Martin Luther King.

If you, your faculty, and (by seepage) your students have become possessed of the curious idea that Martin Luther King believed in, or practiced a single one of the classic and noble traditions of this nation, or even lived by a single Christian moral and ethical law, then you are the cruel victims of a deliberate delusion fostered by the liberal press, the liberal communication media, and the liberals in politics.

Martin Luther King was a tool of the Communists in this country! He was trained by them in the revolutionary tactics of Communist infiltration, street fighting, and the open use of violence, hatred and defiance of law, along with other Communists and other negroes selected for this task. He was schooled in the evil and subtle tactics of deceit, the bold use of the dynamic lie and the constant employment of cold, bitter racial hatred. He was trained to use all these tools, under the guise of "non-violence" and of the Ghandi style of "passive resistance."

These are facts, documented and available in print and are published by the Government Printing Office in Washington as the evidence exposed and collated by the investigating committees of the Congress of the United States, an elected and democratic representational body upon which our government rests. They are further revealed in the periodic reports of the FBI under J. Edgar Hoover who indicted King as a liar and was never challenged. They are, as well, set forth in the many books by reputable scholars and writers.

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The incontrovertible fact that all these data exist, and are apparently kept from your students, who are allowed, in their callow innocence, to indulge in silly sentimentalism and sickly adoration of Martin Luther King, is an indictment not just of you and your faculty but of education in general. And this adoration gets more maudlin every day. It is a shame to leave these young men, entrusted to your care and paid for the same by parents, in this ignorance and in this delusion. It is shocking not to tell them the truth, because, fed by the mushy pablum of sticky adoration of the wrong Gods, they will not be in very good shape to assess moral and ethical values when they get to college. And, the ability to assess such values used to be the basis of all education. How can your students know what such values are, when they are allowed to reach for and memorialize a deity who destroyed all such values in his own lifetime.

And, beyond the personal relationship of these young men with society, there is a greater duty. It is the duty of every citizen who inherited these ideals to work for the ideals upon which this nation was founded, and with all other loyal Americans to strengthen this Republic in its time of trial. The unique wisdom of the founding fathers in creating a Constitution that has survived many trials in our history, resulted in Constitutional government which was based on the workable and sensible notion of defining and separating the relationships amongst the citizens, the state, and the federal government. The feeling that the freedoms now unique in the world, which this constitutional government created and which patriotic Americans have won, is a feeling every good American ought to support.

When men arise whose actions are aimed to rend asunder this great tradition and to shatter this constitutional strength, then such men are the enemies of our country. Such men should be taken from society and kept from further demolishing that which the rest of us have fought for and still cherish. Such a man was Martin Luther King. History, as we hope it may soon be written by objective scholars, will reveal and document more and more the disaster he let loose upon this nation.

To memorialize a man like this, is to memorialize the enemies of our freedoms, the traitors to our cause, and the defectors from our ideals and traditions. King was all these things and more, and as such, he should have been dealt with as are other anti-Americans who practice treachery and promote anarchy.

Your suggestion that, because King was "assassinated", the student's adoration and the tribute is justified and is excusable. In the first place, King was killed by an unknown hand, who might, when proved (which has not yet happened) turn out to

be a Communist the same as Oswald. Farther I would warn you that the word "assasination" is not used for the murder of rabble-rousers and demagogues; it is only appropriate for the murder of heads of state. King was not the head of anything except the negro revolutionary bent on the destruction of our state. Regardless of your beliefs, you should at least adhere to semantics.

To say that if one objects to King's actions one advocates his murder is to repeat the colossal non-sequitur of our time.

No one condones murder, not even of King. I am, as are all loyal Americans, against this murder and all murders. By the same token I am (as should you be) against the murders that King's revolution instigated, just as I am against the destruction of law and order by the negro insurrection led, inspired and planned by King.

It is your duty as an adult as well as the headmaster of a school, to explain to your charges that these two things must be separated. There is no relation (except one you choose to make) between the injustice done to King by his still unknown murderer, and the shocking, national, senseless injustice done to the millions of loyal law-abiding, peace-loving Americans by Martin Luther King and his followers.

I condemn both as you should.

I condemn King's murder but I also condemn King as a traitor to his nation, a man who advocated dealing with our enemy, the Communists, who are killing thousands of Americans in Viet Nam. I condemn King as the chief mover, of a revolution, a bloody destructive and evil revolution, against his own nation and of overt violence of law and order as a matter of planned policy.

I condemn Martin Luther King who was responsible for the millions of dollars worth of property destroyed, burned and looted by negroes, and of lives snuffed out by mobs frenzied by the doctrines and ideas that King kept spouting.

If blind hatred, as I know you liberals believe, was the cause of King's murder (this has not been proved), then why condone blind hatred set up by King and loosened on our people in the violence that has been the undeniable order of the day since King started it. Blind hatred begets more hatred. All this ends as Communists planned it to end, in utter anarchy.

I should think the irony of all this would appeal to you. How ironic can you get when the man who created more trouble, conflict and civil war in this nation than any other individual in our history, could be along with other Communists, awarded the Nobel "Peace" Prize.



While it is ironic to witness the death of a man by the sword who has lived by the sword, the real irony lies in the fact that Martin Luther King, regardless of what he said he was doing, did incite others to violence. And, he did use the threat of more violence, as a sordid and flagrant blackmail upon your representatives and mine, in the Congress, to pass more "civil rights" laws alleged to be for the benefit of the negroes...who were looting, burning and killing regardless of the fact that these laws had removed all legal barriers to negro advancement! History will reveal King and record him for what he was. If he had believed in non-violence (as he said he did) he would have (as he could have) stopped the violence that always resulted from his presence.

Not only did King fail to prevent a single incident of violence or fragmentation of law, but even when he planned and knew ahead of time where violence would erupt, he did not stop the planning nor the subsequent results. As in the case of the Memphis riots, King knew they would happen and never lifted his finger or his voice to stop them or to warn the authorities that they would happen. He knew ahead of time and helped to plan the invasion of Washington by the black hoodlums, gangsters and criminals and the black anarchy that was its end product.

Every year during King's activities, crime in the United States increased materially. The majority of crime was committed by negroes and this included murder, looting, burglary, mugging, rape and arson in which from five to ten times more negroes committed such crimes than whites. Also, the majority of illegitimate children in this country are black and over 80% of all persons in the urban areas on relief, well unto the second or third generation, are black. The millions of dollars for aid to dependent children is largely spent on black people. All this resulted from King's "ministry". And, there is no record that Mr. King was ever ordained as a Christian minister.

These are facts.

Even his own race condemned him and his influence! George Schulyer, the most distinguished negro newsmen and columnist (in an editorial after King's death) said that however tragic and unfortunate King's murder was, "it was largely a matter of his own doing."

He who lives by the sword will die by the sword.

Congressman A. W. Watson, investigating King's actions and incendiary talk, declared that King was the brains behind the riots that resulted in 118 deaths in the year 1967. And, he said that King's danger lay in the fact that he, King, was sly and clever enough to convince many good Americans that he was "harmless and respectable" while he was actually "aiding and abetting the Communist conspiracy against this nation."

After meeting in Washington with the two of the most violent leaders of black anarchy and violence (I refer to Carmichael and Rap Brown who said they would kill and burn)...King made a statement saying: "We seek to say to the nation in our campaign that if you don't straighten up, then you're writing your own obituary."

These were the mad threats of your hero Martin Luther King. This was typical of the blackmail he employed to cow venal politicians into submission. King was not only associated with known activist Communists (all trained to destroy our government), but he hired as secretaries two of the worst criminals the negro race has ever produced: 1. Bayard Rustin, a convicted sodomist and sexual pervert, 2. Jack O'Dell (alias Hunter Pitts), who was exposed as a Communist by the U. S. Senate, and who was a Communist organizer in New Orleans. When the heat on these two Communists became too hot, King resorted to the deceitful strategy of "firing" them as his secretaries. He then got them jobs in another part of his organization.

Is this the saint to be adored and held in high esteem by nice normal young American boys in your school? If you are going to have a memorial to King, let such a memorial tell the truth.

But King's work as a illegal instigator of violence and the shattering of law and order, was not his most destructive contribution to the civil war in our land. He was the author of the new morality...which is no morality. He was the inventor of "flexible morals"...the cult and system by which any person who does not like the laws can break them with impunity. And, what is worse, the philosophy that any and all means, however, false, however illegal, however immoral, are perfectly correct; and good if the end is conceived, by the person committing these crimes to be good! Evil means beget evil ends. King believed that good ends justify evil means. This is why our crime rate has risen out of all proportion during King's activities!

In this he has left his black and awful mark upon our times. If you condone a memorial to him, I think you should know the facts about King. Before you use any money given you by parents for the proper education of their sons, I think you should ask the parents if they condone such a memorial. But before you ask them, I suggest you send them a copy of this letter and let them see the other side, the real side, the true side, that has been kept from their naive sons.

If you don't want to do this, I will be glad to send them copies.

Then, take a vote and see what the parents say.

This, I think, you are obligated to do.

You have no right to delude these boys without their parents consent.

Faithfully yours,

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Franklin, Wisconsin 53132

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Dear [REDACTED]

Your letter of October 9th has been received.

While I would like to be of assistance to you, information concerning the alleged communist activities of Martin Luther King, whether substantiated or not, cannot be released because of a Department of Justice order regarding all matters of a confidential nature. I regret I am unable to be of help in this instance.

Sincerely yours,

J. Edgar Hoover

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OCT 16 1968

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October 9, 1968

Franklin, Wisconsin

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Federal Bureau of Investigation  
Washington, D.C.

Gentlemen:

I would like a report of your investigation into the Communistic  
Activities of Martin Luther King.

Sincerely,

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b7(c)

Atlanta, Georgia 30315

Dear [REDACTED]

Your letter of October 7th has been received.

While I would like to be of assistance in connection with your inquiry, information concerning the alleged communist affiliations of Martin Luther King, whether substantiated or not, cannot be released because of a Department of Justice order regarding all matters of a confidential nature. I regret I am unable to be of help in this instance.

Sincerely yours,

J. Edgar Hoover

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Atlanta Ga. 30315  
October 7, 1968

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J. E. Hoover  
of, F. B. I.  
Washington D. C.

Dear Mr. Hoover,

I am listing to a local radio station which is all  
talk and thi gentleman calls in and says that Dr. Martin Luther  
King was a communist I would like for you to tell me what you  
think, as I respect you very much from all your years in service  
for our country

I will appreciate your answer.

Sincerely, 

b7(c)

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Atlanta Ga. 30315

October 7, 1968

J. E. Horner  
c/o F. B. I.  
Washington D. C.

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Dear Mr. Horner,

I am listening to a local  
radio station which is all talk  
and this gentleman calls in  
and says that Dr. Martin  
Luther King was a communist.  
I would like for you to tell me  
what you think, as I suspect  
you are much for all  
your years in service for our  
country.

I will appreciate your  
answer.  
Sincerely, [REDACTED]

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October 3, 1968

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Andrews, Texas 79714

b7(c) Dear [REDACTED]

I have received your letter of September 28th.

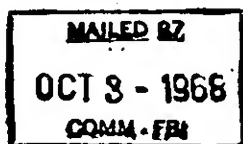
While I would certainly like to be of assistance to you, information in our files must be maintained as confidential in accordance with regulations of the Department of Justice.

I am sorry I am unable to furnish the data you are seeking.

Sincerely yours,  
J. Edgar Hoover

NOTE: Bufiles contain no information identifiable with correspondent.

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Andrew, Texas  
Sept. 28, 1968

Mr. J. Edgar Hoover:

Dear Sir:

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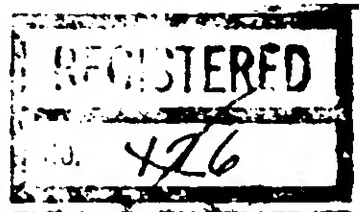
Please send me information concerning the  
political background of the late Martin Luther King.

Sincerely,

b7(c)

  
Andrews, Tex  
Code 79714

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Andrens, Texas  
Sept. 28, 1968

Mr J Edgar Hoover:  
Dear Sir,

Please send me  
information concerning the  
political background of the  
late Martin Luther King.

Sincerely,

[REDACTED]

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Andrens, Tex  
Code 79714

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[REDACTED]  
Stoughton, Massachusetts 02072

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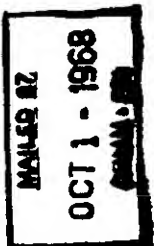
Dear [REDACTED]

I received your letter, with enclosure, on September 26th and want to thank you for your kind comments concerning my work with this Bureau.

While I would like to be of assistance to you, information about the alleged communist affiliations of Martin Luther King, whether substantiated or not, cannot be released because of a Department of Justice order regarding all matters of a confidential nature. I regret I am unable to be of assistance to you in this instance.

Sincerely yours,

J. Edgar Hoover



NOTE: Bufiles contain no information identifiable with correspondent. Her enclosure was a piece of notepaper bearing the statement "Keep up the good work! All anti Communist are behind you."

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Federal Bureau of Investigation  
Washington, D. C

[REDACTED] b7(c)  
Stoughton, Mass

Dear Sirs

I am very interested in the story of Martin Luther King,  
I have heard that many people think he was a commuist.

I was just woundering if there is any truth to this  
statement or is it just opinion?

So I figuarg if he was a Commuist the F. B. I. would  
have someting on him, and wouldn't mind sending me a copy.

Plus I want to congradulate you and your fellow  
workers on the good job you are doing, we need more men like  
you. And Tell J Edger Hoover I said Hello!

Thank you

/s/ [REDACTED]

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Dear Sirs  
I am very interested in the story of Martin Luther King, I have heard that many people think he was a communist.

I was just wondering if there is any truth to this statement or is it just opinion?

So I figured if he was a communist the F.B.I. would have something on him, and wouldn't mind sending me something a copy.

Plus I want to congratulate you and your fellow workers on the good job you are doing, we need more men like you. And Tell Edger Hoover I said Hello!

Thank you

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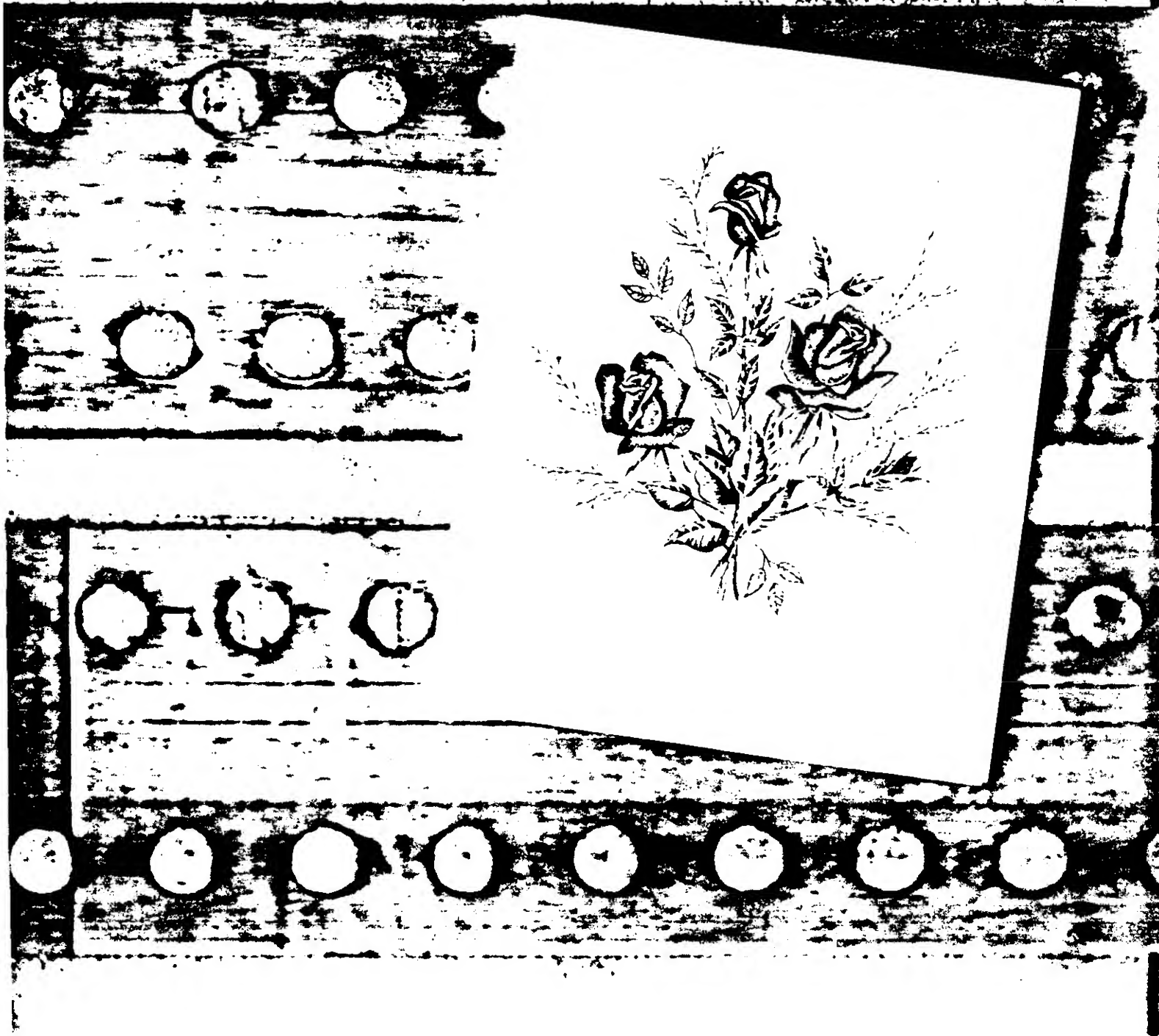
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